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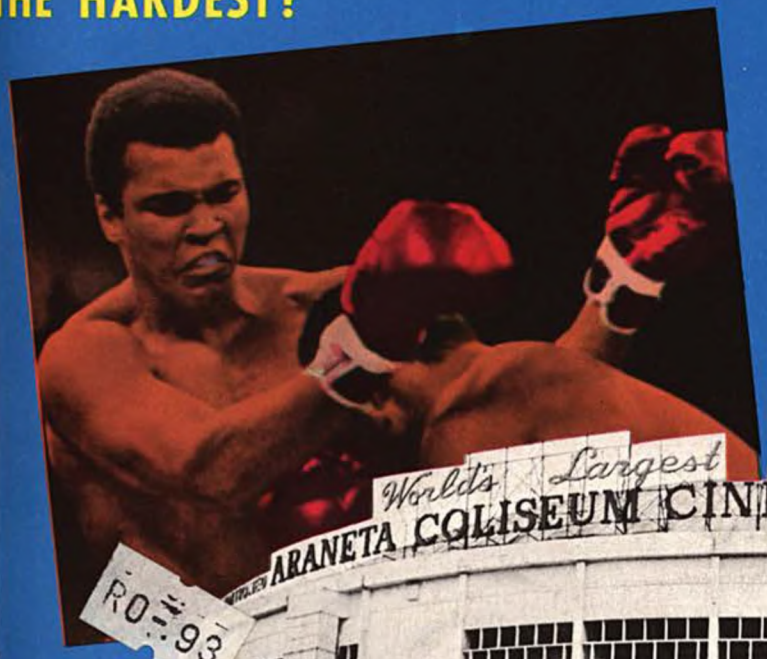

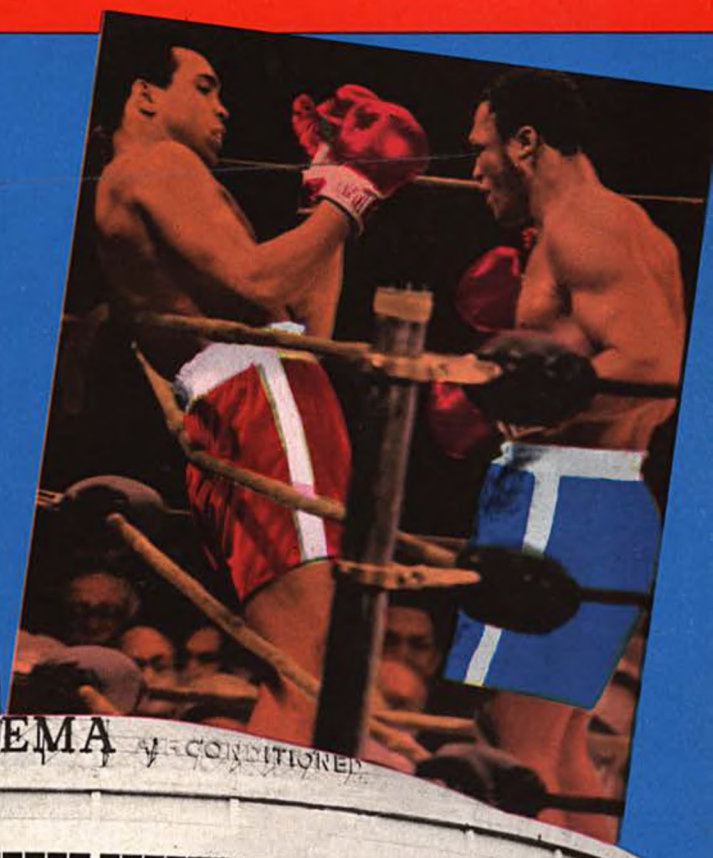

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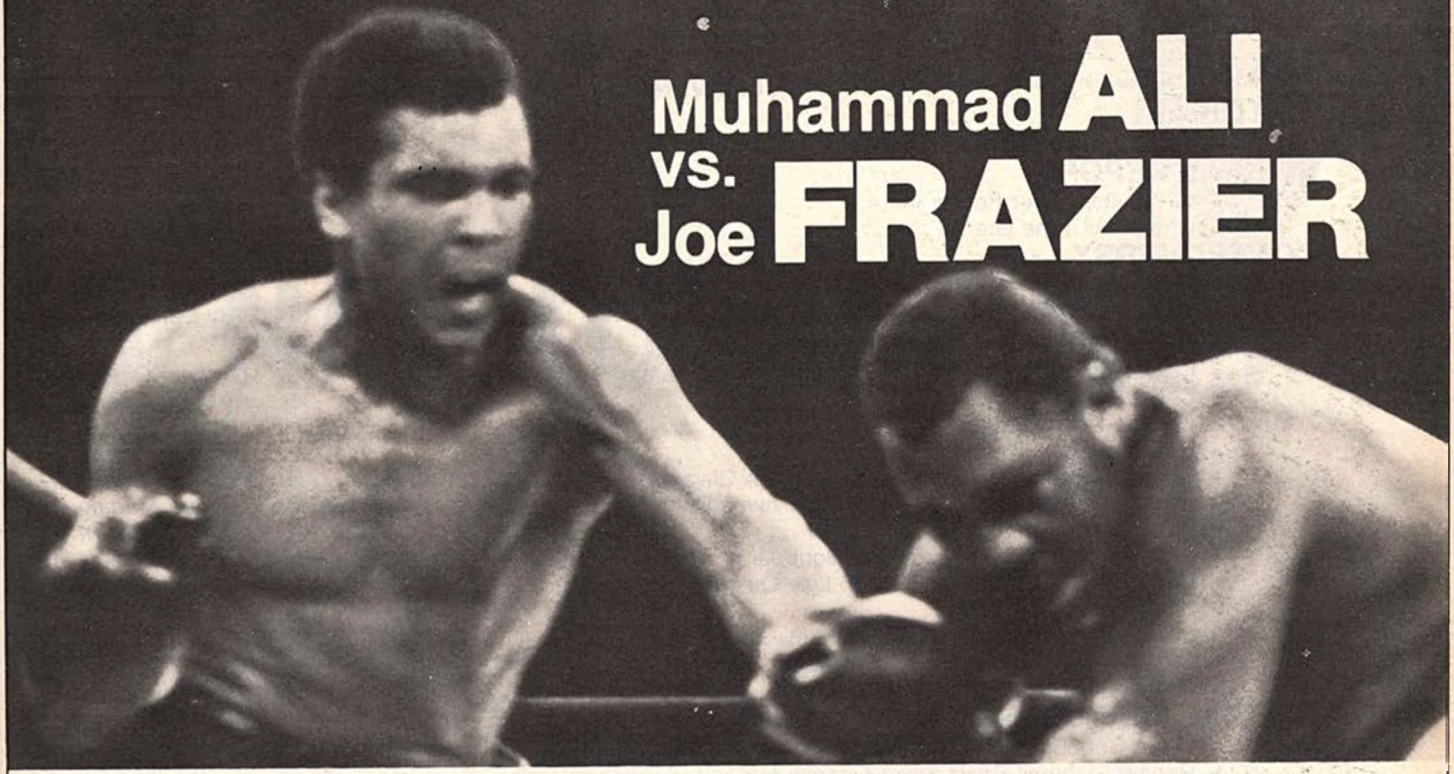

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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

APPROACHED on the subject of a possible promotional partnership with Muhammad Ali after the fighter had announced his ring retirement, Don King indicated that he has no such alliance in mind.

"I cannot see Ali and me in business together," King said.

"He is strictly an action guy when it comes to fights. He would not be interested in dealing and wheeling in the ring game.

"I imagine that when his fighting days are over Ali will be glad to be with his family on the estate he bought recently and leave promoting to the promoters."

Report has it that the one time Cassius Clay, from Louisville Ghetto, left Manila with more than nine million dollars invested in oil wells, real estate and other sound money interests.

He is the richest fighter in the history of the game.

Joe Frazier also is in the millionaire class. Just where George Foreman stands in that league is not known. He got five million at Zaire, but he came home heavily involved financially, a lot of his troubles tracing to Dick Sadler's having sold shares in the fighter. Oversold, as a matter of fact, to a point of court action by buyers.

Only one former heavyweight champion tried the promoting game after his ring days, and he was Jack Dempsey.

His promotion efforts were not successful and got him into a lot of messes.

Most fight fans believe that Dempsey is not at his ease financially, but from knowledgable sources comes the information that Jack is worth a million, and is in no danger of entering the relief line.

Gene Tunney is a millionaire, and so is his wife, the former Polly Lauder, in her own right.

Gene made one promotion proposal and it was turned down by Dempsey.

After their second fight, in Chicago, Tunney offered the Mauler a clean million to fight him a third time. But, for some reason unexplained, Dempsey refused. That a third fight between Tunney and Jack would have been highly successful after the long count was a certainty.

In the millionaire class is Floyd Patterson, who is said to have at least three million dollars left from the seven or more millions he made in the ring.

Patterson has an estate at New Paltz, N.Y.. He still is getting an income from TV work connected with Garden fights, in New York, and refuses to admit that he has retired from the ring. He currently runs a training center at New Paltz for new fighters.

Possibly the only non-heavyweight in the millionaire class is Carlos Monzon, the Argentinian who holds the world middleweight championship.

Monzon is a highly paid fighter, has interests in the publishing and television businesses and does well in his motion picture adventures.

The richest non-heavyweight in the old days was Benny Leonard, lightweight champion. He did not know how to take care of his earnings and investments, and after having retired, found himself forced to take the comeback trail. This was not successful and he died almost broke.

Joe Louis would be a millionaire today if he had not frittered away a fortune betting on himself against some of the greatest pro golfers in the world. Joe now is a Greeter in a hotel in Las Vegas.

Max Schmeling is reported to be in the Millionaire Class with a big income from bottling and selling Coca Cola.

Jack Johnson died broke. Primo Carnera was cleaned by his managers and was running a delicatessan and liquor store in Los Angeles when he was taken ill.

In his old age, John L. Sullivan went around the country making temperance lectures for a

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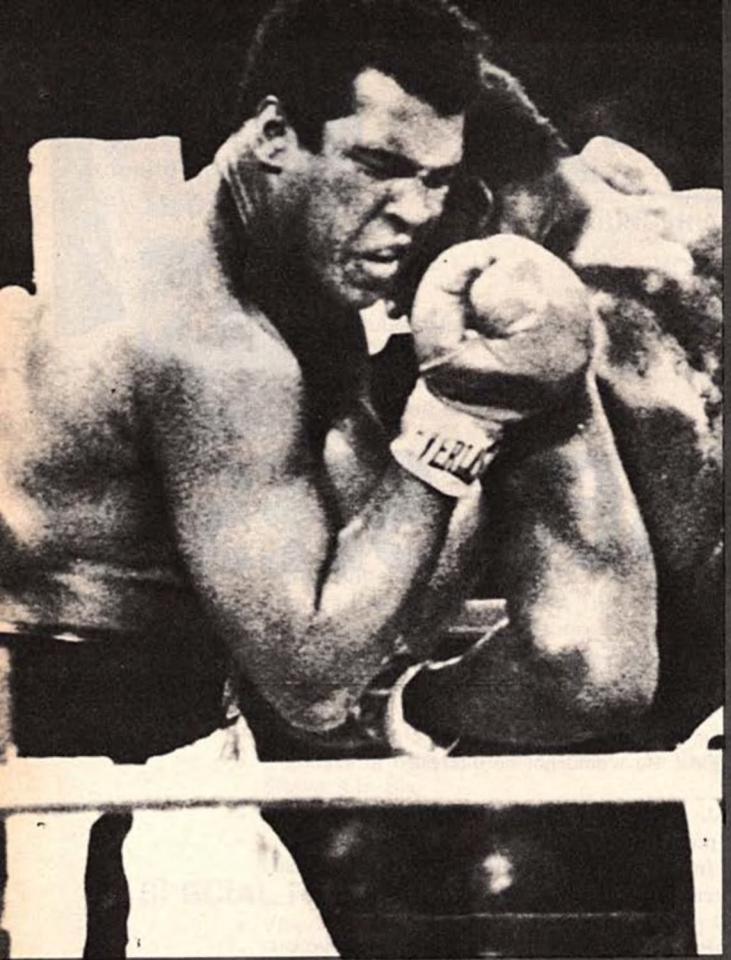
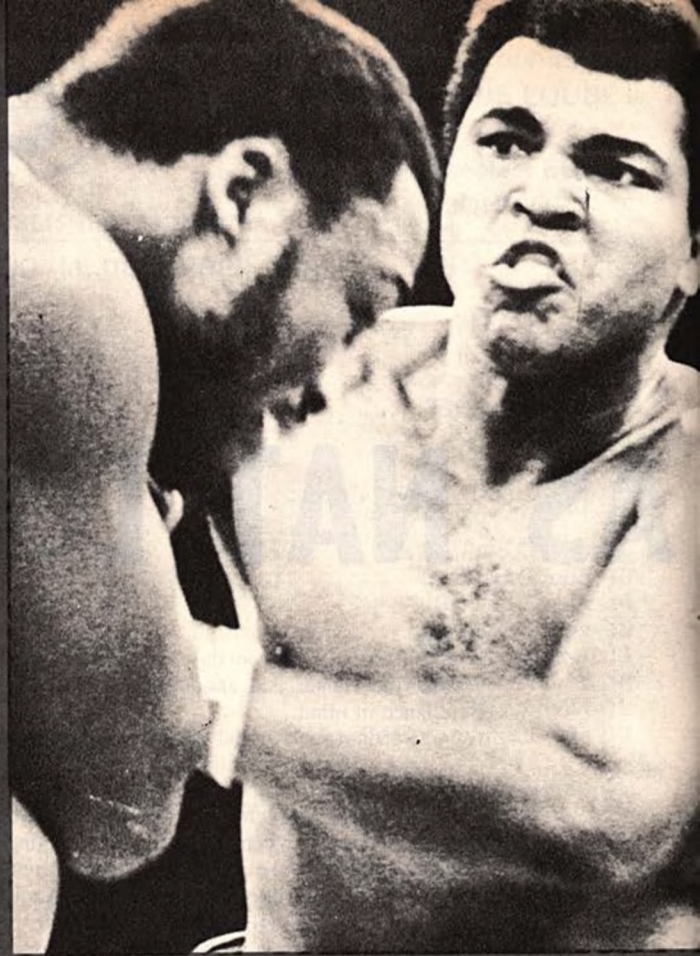


Joe Frazier was at his best in the middle rounds of his bout with Muhammad at Manila. Ali winces as Joe smokes a left to Ali's mid section.



In the opening round Ali meets onrushing Frazier with determination. Frazier covers up as Ali attempts to stop his forward movement.

By NAT LOUBET

ALI'S VICTORY OVER FRAZIER IN 14, ONE OF ALL TIME GREATS

MUHAMMAD Ali, heavyweight champion of the world, lived up to his reputation as "the greatest" as he successfully defended his title by knocking out Joe Frazier in fourteen rounds.

The Thriller In Manila was just that—a classic that will go down in the record books as one of, if not the greatest, heavyweight title fight of all time.

In two previous meetings in Madison Square Garden, New York, Frazier had gained a unanimous fifteen round decision to retain his title. Then, after losing his crown to George Foreman, Frazier met Ali in a 12-round non title bout in 1974 in which Ali won the decision to even up the score.

That bout was not as good as their first effort, due to much holding by Ali, but he definitely deserved the decision.

Between their first and second fights, Ali had a

win and loss over much heralded Ken Norton, in California, and that shoved him into a title match with George Foreman, in Zaire.

History shows that Ali rewon his world title by knocking out Foreman in 8. This was the same Foreman who had beaten Frazier for the crown in Jamaica with a two round K.O. in 1973.

The stage was set for Manila and Super Fight Number III. The fight was ballyhooed as the Fight of the Century and it turned out to be close to that.

In the early rounds of the contest, Ali attempted to live up to his prophecy of a fast knockout. He did this by using a flat footed stance from which he could throw his combinations and bombs. He looked good as he used his longer reach to advantage, and repeatedly speared the inrushing Frazier with jabs to Joe's jaw.

The early rounds were all Ali's on the score sheets. Then the picture changed, and Frazier's tactics of moving in fast, breaking through Ali's defenses and punching to the body, paid off.

Above: Ali puts his shoulder into right to Frazier's head in opening stanza, as Joe is stopped in his tracks by the force of Ali's punch. At right we see Frazier after the battle. Note the loser's battle-scarred face.

He gave Ali little room to punch, attempting to maneuver Ali into position so as to land his left hook. In several rounds Joe hurt the champion.

Ali tried to use his Rope-a-Dope defense, crouching in the corner, allowing Frazier to punch him at will.

The maneuver was a failure. Frazier had too much smoke and fire, and hurt the champion by weakening him with body smashes that seemed to cause the champ to wilt.

In the sixth round, one of Frazier's biggest, he landed a left hook to Ali's jaw that bounced him back on the ropes.

Going into the eleventh session, Frazier had the lead and he looked the fresher of the two.

Joe was bobing and weaving, taking Ali's best shots with seemingly no effect. He kept brushing aside Ali's left that was held dangling in his face.

Joe smashed his way into close quarters and appeared on the verge of becoming the third man to regain the heavyweight title. Floyd Patterson and Ali were the only two to achieve this.

Then Ali got his second wind, a tired fighter came to life, went up to his toes, reached down into his reserve of stamina. The tide began to turn in his favor in very close rounds by virtue of his super man's ability to mount an offense when he appeared on the way out.

In his corner at the end of round ten, Ali told his cornermen that he was very tired; that he hoped he could continue. He shook his head, and told Angelo Dundee that he might not be able to go on much longer.

Then came the bell, and with it Ali's rejuvination, the mark of a great fighter.

Going into round thirteen it was obvious that the next three rounds would decide the fight.

It was close. Then midway through that round Ali landed the punch that changed the entire evening for both fighters. A right hand ripped into Frazier as he was coming in. It caught him in just the right place, stopped him on his heels and threw him back several steps. He was hurt.

From that punch on Frazier was not the same fighter. Ali was gaining confidence. Frazier was no longer the bobbing, weaving charger, brushing aside the champion's fast moving blows. He reverted to the Frazier of old, the Frazier who came in flat-footed with little movement—a style made to order for Ali. The champion made the most of it up to the termination of round fourteen. The end!

Whereas Frazier was now all downhill, Ali gained strength. His combinations played havoc with Frazier, and before long his challenger's right eye was almost closed, with a cut under that optic.

At the end of round fourteen, with Frazier sitting in his corner, Eddie Futch, his man-

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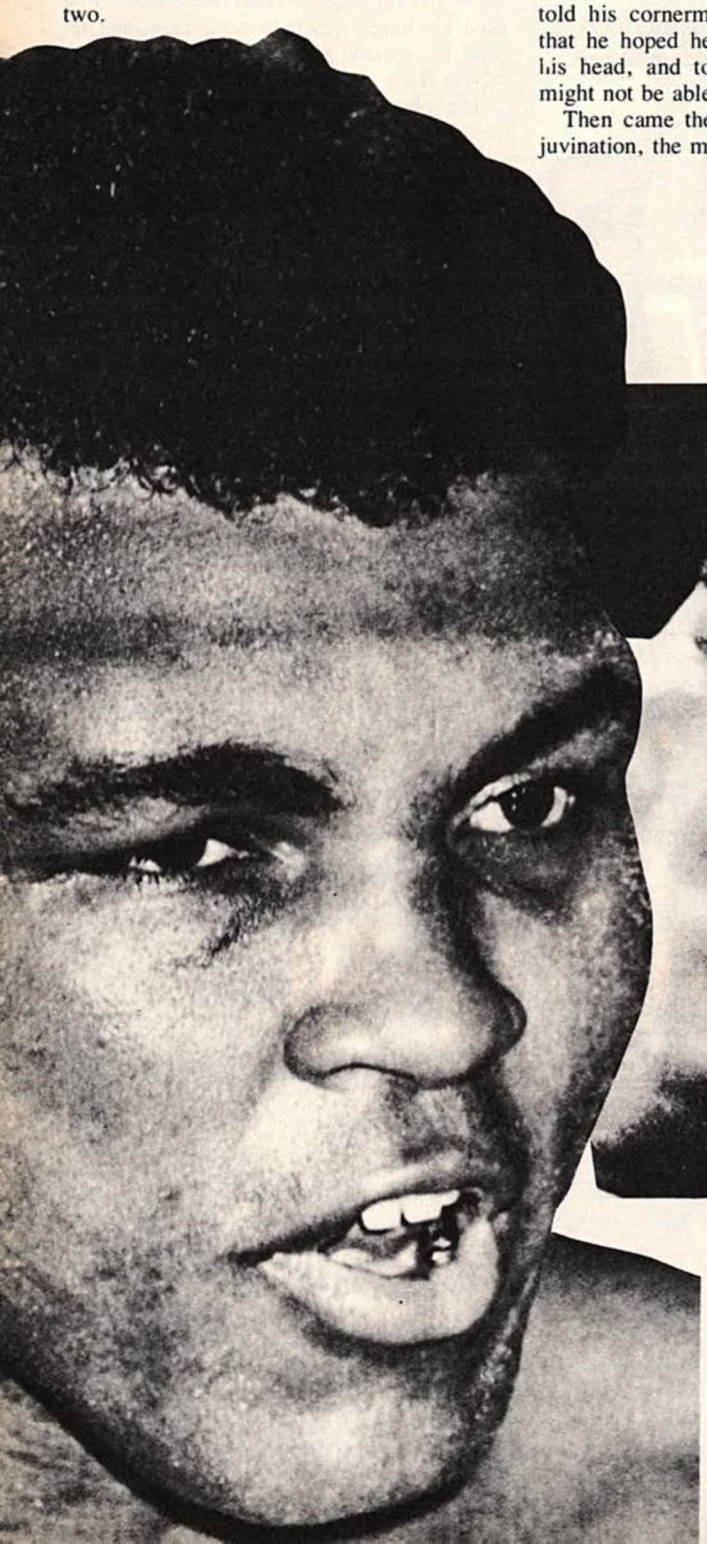
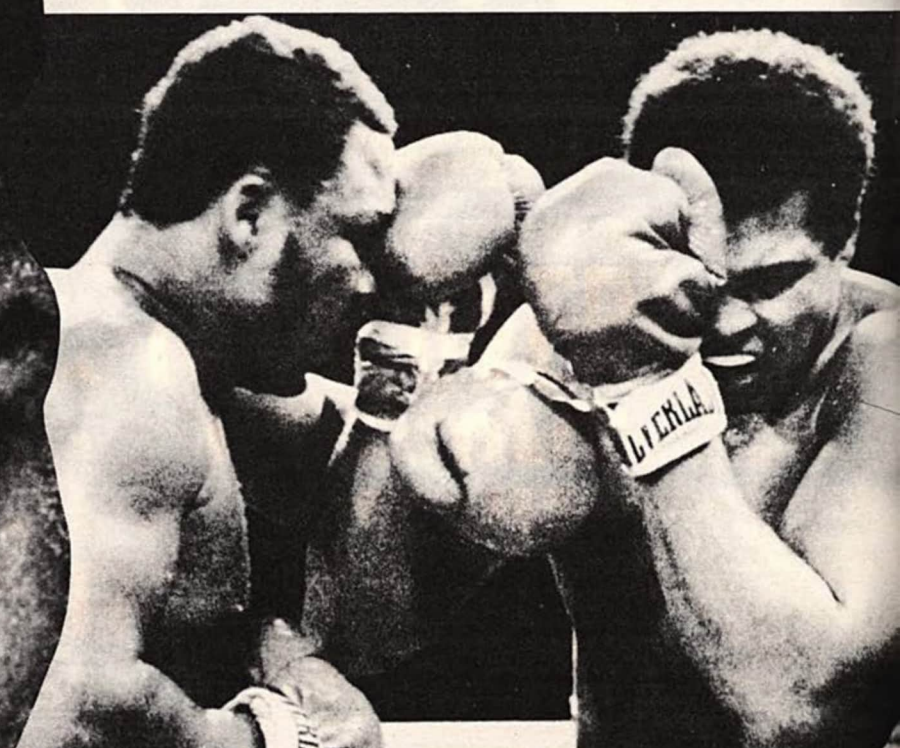




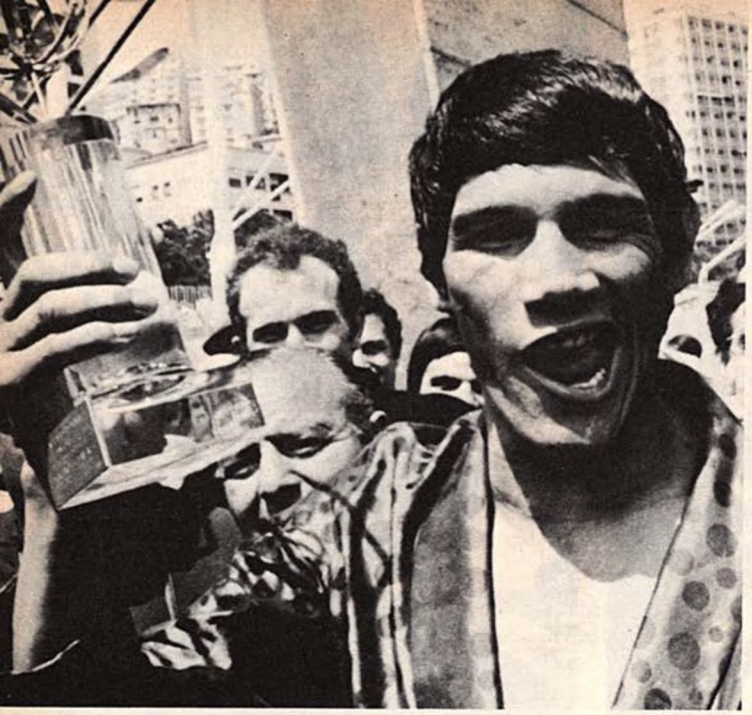
Left we see a tired champion after the fight talking to reporters. Above: In the mid rounds it was all Frazier, and here we see him crowding Ali and landing effectively to the champ's head and body.

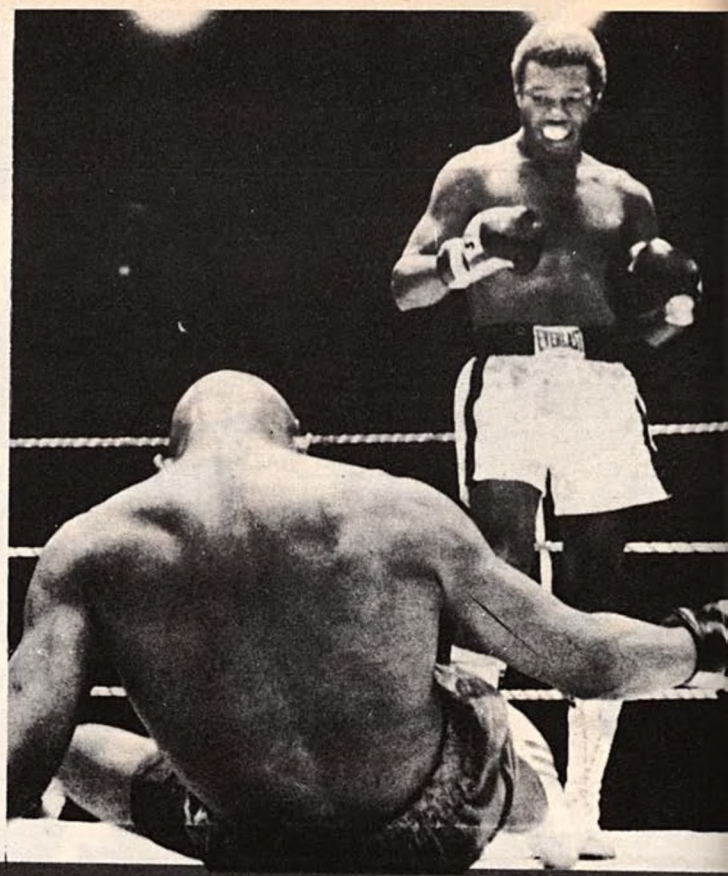
Left: Ali's glove in Joe's face. This is what Frazier saw most of the night, and it was both frustrating and tantalizing.

Above: Immediately after the fight was over Clay, in exhaustion, dropped to the canvas in his corner to rest. He did this after his fight with Chuck Wepner and also after his go with George Foreman.

Below: Ali, after brief rest in his corner, raises hands in token of victory that proved he was—"Still the greatest!"

Below: Ali in his corner, swamped by handlers, as the fight is halted after 14 rounds.





(Above) WBA and RING middleweight champion, Carlos Monzon, of Argentina, has held his title since November 7, 1970, when he KO'd Nino Benvenuti, of Italy, in the 12th round. (Right) Colombia's Rodrigo Valdez stands over Bennie Briscoe, whom Valdez KO'd in 7, on May 25, 1974, for the WBC portion of the middleweight title.

RING STRIKES AT "VERSION" SYSTEM OF WBA-WBC TITLE SPLITS

WBC and RING welterweight champion is Mexico's Jose Napoles, who originally won the title on April 18, 1969, from Curtis Cokes, lost it to Billy Backus on December 3, 1970, and regained it in a re-match against Backus on June 4, 1971, in Los Angeles, when he stopped Backus in 8 rounds.

READERS of the Ring Magazine, in large numbers, want to know why this publication accepts the damaging situation in boxing created by the double champion system spawned by the WBA and WBC rivalry.

The complaintants want one title holder in each weight division, and they want it pronto.

The trouble started with the organization of the NBA.

In a few years the busy bodies of that outfit decided that they weren't covering enough ground, and changed the name of their organization from the NBA (National Boxing Association), to the WBA (World Boxing Association).

Pretty soon another group was born under the leadership of Ramon Velasquez, of Mexico. He got up the World Boxing Council.

Was the new body needed? No! Is it now needed? No!

If the WBA and the WBC were to combine and strike firmly at the troubles which harass world boxing, there would be important changes for the better.

But there appears to be no chance of an amalgamation of the WBA and the WBC.

There is some difference between the two bodies. The WBC has a penchant for stripping champions of their titles. It has recently tried to interfere with such established greats as Carlos Monzon and Jose Napoles.

The boxing public is tired of the system of title "versions."

The fans are confused. When they ask the Ring who is the world light-heavy champion, they do not want to be told that Victor Galindez, of Argentina, is the WBA champion and John Conteh, of Britain, is the owner of the other half of the title.

Wherein is boxing helped by these versions? Some good would result if the holders of the versions met and gave their classes just one champion for each weight division.

But there is no effort for the good of the sport, for the feelings of the fans, for the benefits which would accrue to boxing if there were only one champion in each division.

There is a rampant sense of political power in and between the two organizations.

There is a desire for headline grabbing.

There is no desire for peace between the WBC and the WBA.

It is amazing to find that the British Board of Boxing Control, once the most powerful body in the game, is a member of the WBC. That once powerful rule maker of world boxing has made itself subservent to the WBC.

The Ring still believes that boxing championships must be won and lost in the arena. But it feels that its readers are entitled to the Ring's opinions as to the true, real leaders in each division, and that it believes that the system of versions must be killed.

With this terribly needed reform in view, this magazine indicates these choices.

HEAVYWEIGHT: The WBA and the WBC have been shrewed enough to stay away from this division.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT: This title was in strong, steady hands for years, while Bob Foster was the champion. He retired. Now he is back as a challenger, with Galindez backed by the WBA, after beating Len Hutchins, and John Conteh backed by the WBC, because he had beaten Jorge Ahumada, who had fought a draw with Foster.

This situation calls for a Conteh-Galindez showdown. If John and Victor do not fight for the title, the Ring will designate a world champion. The fans cannot wait forever for a decision.

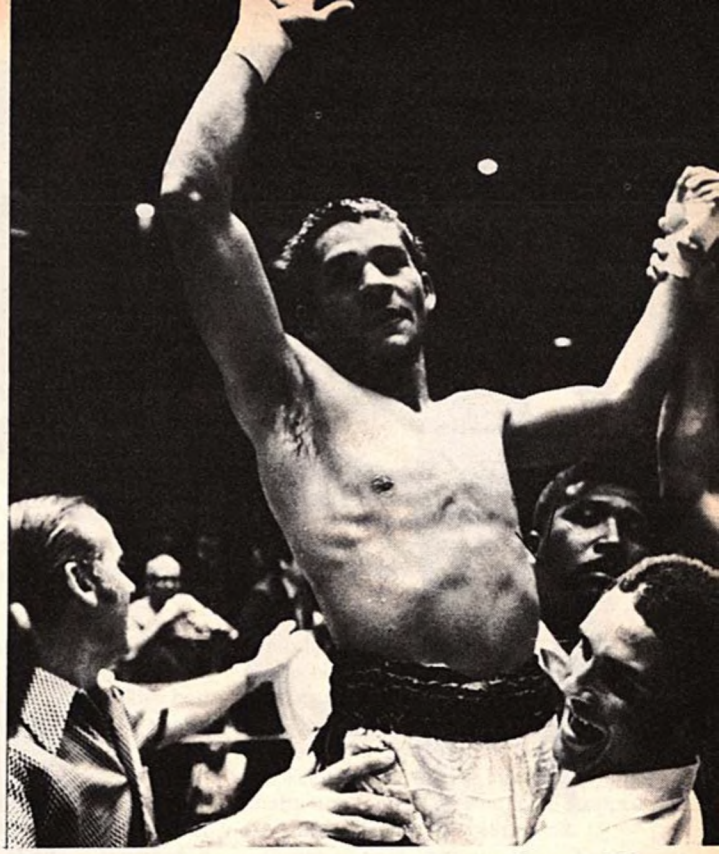
MIDDLEWEIGHT: There is no doubt about Carlos Monzon, Argentina, being the world champion. The way he took care of Napoles and Licata erased any doubt, if some had existed, as to Carlos's rating. An all-time great.

The WBC champion is Rodrigo Valdez, Colombia. They took Monzon's title away in 1974. Valdez then KO'd Bennie Briscoe in 7 to win his title.

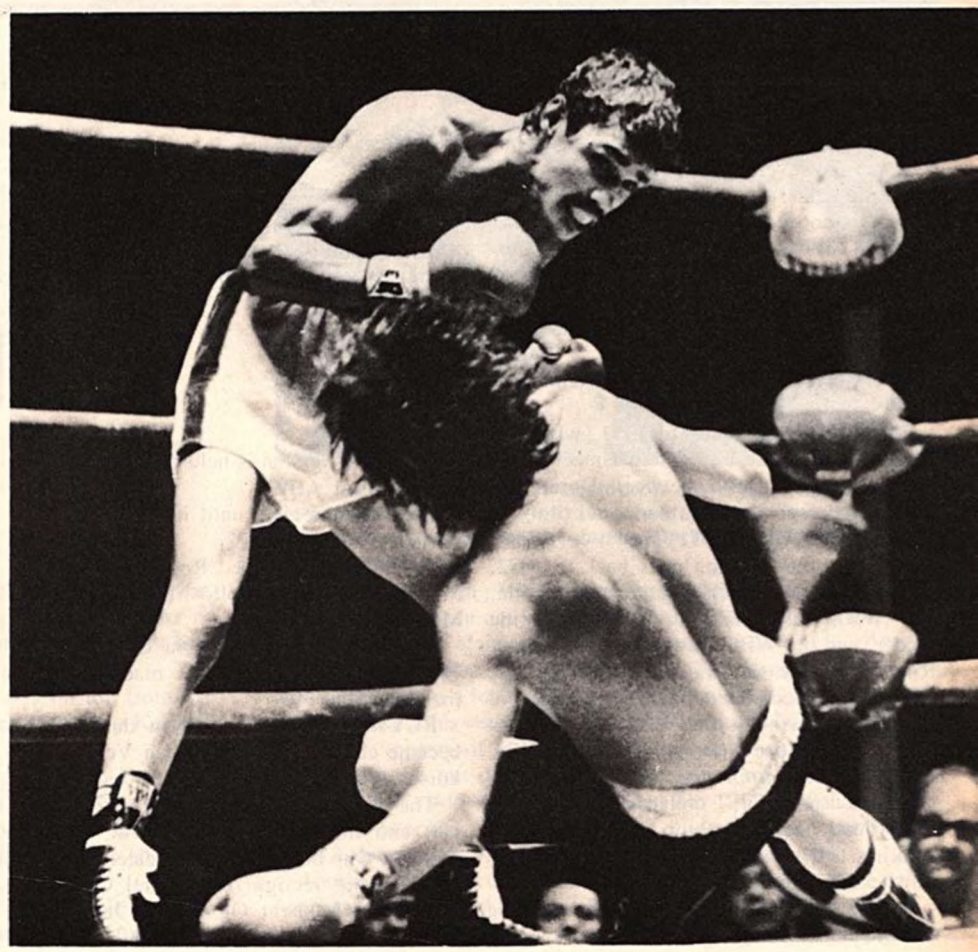
WELTERWEIGHT: There is no doubt about the bona fide lineage of the welter championship, as it rests in the hands of Jose Napoles, Mexico, by way of Cuba.

The WBA says that Angel Espada won the title on June 21, 1975, by beating Clyde Gray.

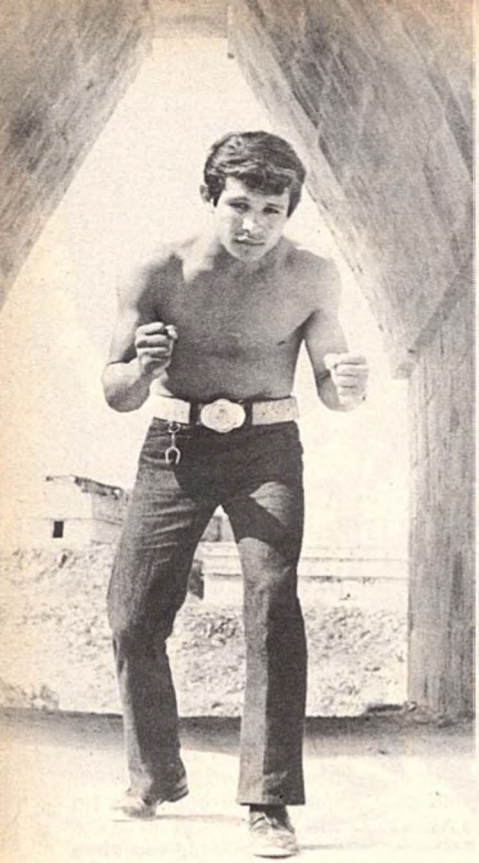
The WBC "version" says the title belongs



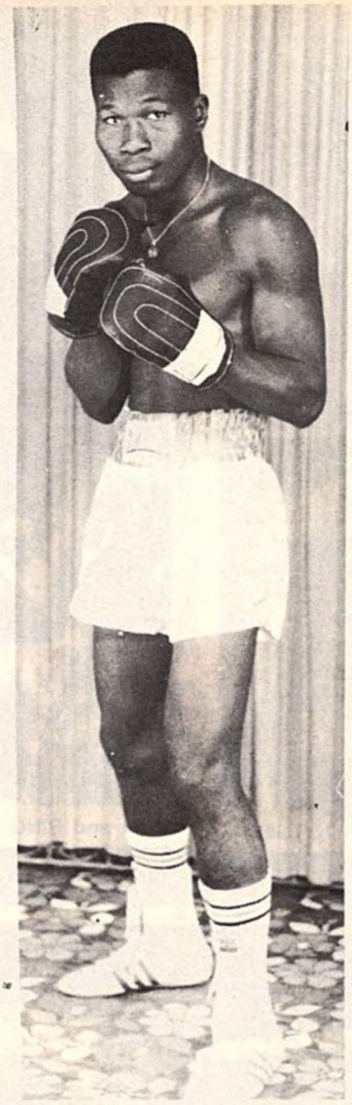
WBA and RING lightweight champion, Roberto Duran, of Panama, took the crown from Ken Buchanan, of Scotland, on June 26, 1972, with a 13th round KO.



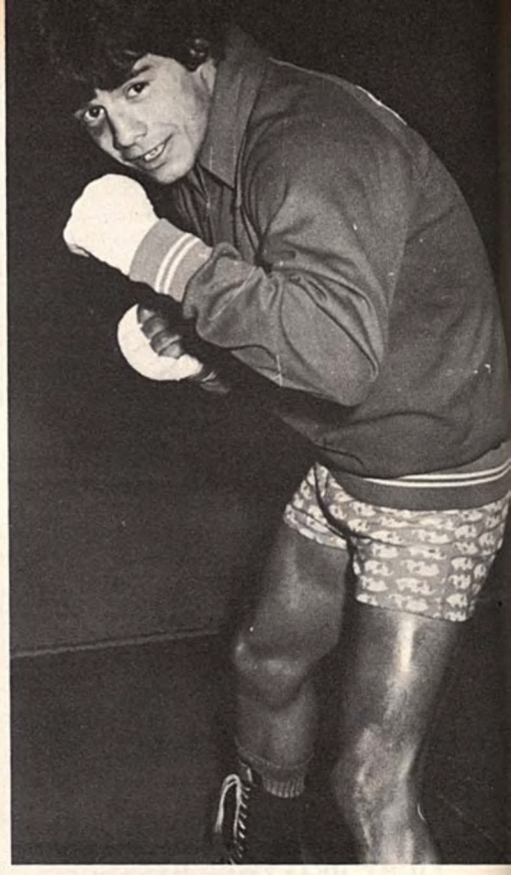
WBA and RING featherweight champion, Alexis Arguello (standing), of Nicaragua, KO'd Ruben Olivares in the 13th round of their November 23, 1974, bout in Los Angeles, to win his portion of the title. Olivares later won and lost the WBC's title.



WBC and RING flyweight king, Miguel Canto, Mexico, won his crown when he decisioned Shoji Oguma, Japan, over 15 rounds on January 8, 1975, in Sendai.



WBC featherweight champion, David (Poison) Kotey, Ghana, took the title from Ruben Olivares on September 20, 1975, by a split decision.



WBA and RING bantamweight champion, Alfonso Zamora, of Mexico, KO'd Soo Hwan Hong, of Korea, for his title, on March 14, 1975, in Inglewood California.

to Napoles.

Let Espada fight Napoles? It just cannot be done. However, since Napoles still seems to be the class of the welterweights, the damage is not too serious.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Despite Roberto Duran's often unwillingness to lay the 135 pound title on the line, the Panamanian is the best lightweight in the world. He is the WBA and Ring champion.

The WBC recognizes Japan's Ishimatsu Suzuki.

The trouble goes back to 1971, when the WBC took the title away from Ismael Laguna. Splitting that title between Duran and Suzuki is presposterous.

FEATHERWEIGHT: The "Versions" business in this division goes back to 1972, when Clemente Sanchez gave up the title. The WBA called Ernesto Marcel the title holder, and the WBC recognized Jose Legra. Ring called the title vacant until this year. Then Ring recognized Alexis Arguello, of Nicaragua. He holds the WBA and Ring titles. Dave Kotey (Poison) is the WBC champion. Ruben Olivares beat Bobby Chacon in a "no fight," collapsing in the second round because of too vigorous weight making. Olivares then lost the crown to Kotey, of Ghana.

BANTAMWEIGHT: The WBA and Ring believe that the top man in the world is Alfonso Zamora.

The WBC version is held by Rodolfo Martinez.

The title was clear until it was vacated by Enrique Pinder, in 1972.

The WBC recognized Rodolfo Herrera of Mexico. He beat Rodolfo Martinez, also of Mexico.

Martinez beat Herrera in a rematch in 1973. That, said the WBC, made Martinez the champion.

FLYWEIGHT: The title in this division became confused in 1973 when Venice Borkorsor, Thailand, moved into the banties.

The WBA then recognized Erbito Salvarria, and the WBC version went to Shoji Oguma, who beat Betulio Gonzalez.

The Ring recognizes Miguel Canto, of Mexico, who beat Oguma on January 8, 1975.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT: The Ring gave recognition to this class in 1974. The Ring and the WBA recognize Korea's Jae do Yuh. The WBC says that the champion is Miguel de Oliviera, Brazil.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT: The WBA and Ring choice is Antonio Cervantes, of Columbia. The WBC leader is Thailand's Shengsak Muangsurin. Cervantes is one of the real stars of boxing.

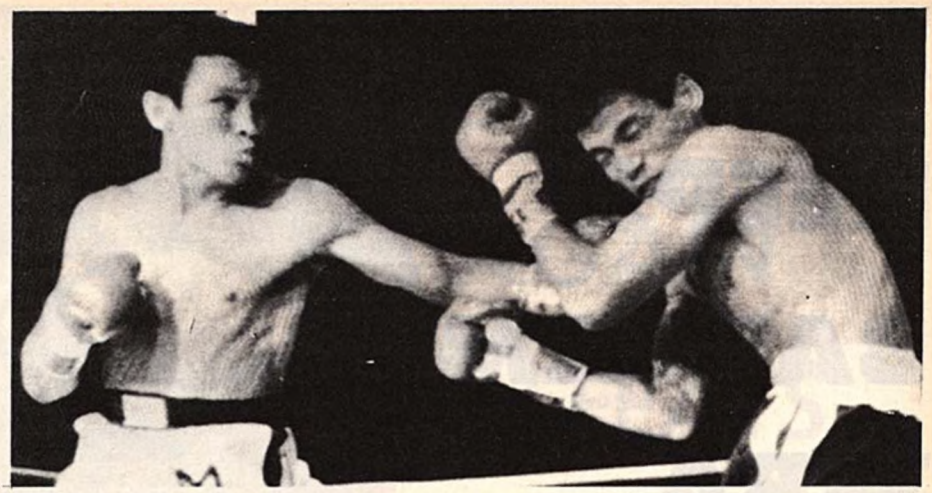
JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT: The WBA and Ring choice is Ben Villaflor of the Philippines. The WBC man is Alfredo Escalera, of Puerto Rico.

The Ring does not recognize the junior flyweight divison as a class.

Even down in this division there is a split—WBC, Franco Udella, Italy. The WBA man is Jaime Rios, Panama.

Canto Batters Takada

By JUAN ORTEGA



W.B.C. flyweight champion Miguel Canto, left, tags Japan's Jira Takada with a hard left, as the challenger winces. Canto won by TKO in 11, at Merida, Mexico.

MERIDA, MEXICO — World flyweight champion Miguel Canto, 111, retained his title with an 11th round TKO over Japan's Jiro Takada, before a huge crowd of over 20,000, in a contest held in this remote part of Mexico.

Takada is a little known Japanese scrapper, who has been boxing since 1972. His record is not available. The only bouts in the 1975 Ring Record Book show: 1973, four bouts, losing two, winning one, drawing one; 1974, five wins and one draw.

He failed in his bid for the Orient flyweight title in 1973, losing to Socrates Batoto. He won the Japanese flyweight title in his second try, beating Tsutomu Igarasi.

So on the strength of this record he found himself in the ring against one of the best flyweight champions in the last 20 years, Miguel Canto.

This was Canto's second defense of his title this year. He won the vacant crown on January 8, 1975, with a 15 round nod over Shoji Oguma, in Japan. Miguel defended it last May 25 against Betulio Gonzalez, in Monterry, Mexico. This was the first world title contest held on the Yucatan, where Canto hails from.

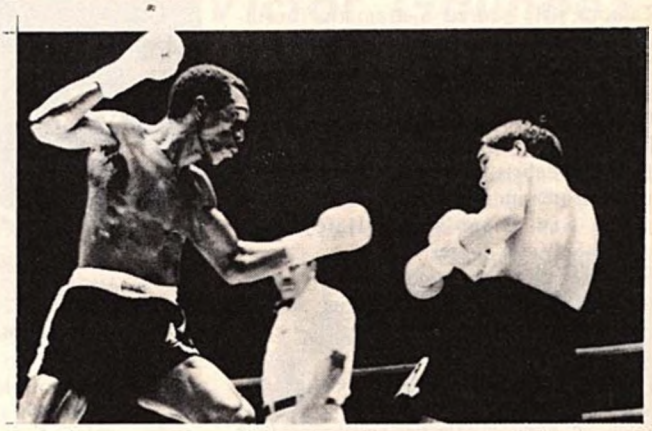
The bout itself was one-sided, with Canto pressing the Japanese boxer all over the ring for 11 rounds.

Nobody in the crowd could figure what was keeping Takada on his feet. The referee finally took pity on him and stopped the one-sided affair in the 11th round.

Canto's next defense may be against Dominican Ignacion Espinal. Dominican lost a close decision to Canto earlier in the year, in a non-title contest, in Merida.

CERVANTES WARMS UP FOR THOMPSON; STOPS KAZAMA

By JUAN ORTEGA



WBA junior welterweight champion Antonio "Kid Pambele" Cervantes, of Colombia, (left) launches an attack on a badly outclassed Kiyoshi Kazama, of Japan. Cervantes KO'd Kazama in the 6th round.

CARACAS, Venezuela — World junior welterweight champion Antonio Cervantes, Colombia, stopped Japan's Kiyoshi Kazama in six rounds, on the under-card of the W.B.C. junior lightweight title bout between Alfredo Escalera-Lionel Hernandez.

Cervantes, making his 84th start as a pro, was on top from the start in this non-title bout. He used his long reach to keep Kazama at bay.

The Japanese boxer could not get close enough to the champion to land any telling blows. Antonio landed jabs and hooks at will to the head and body. In the fifth round, the young and experienced Kazama gave it everything he had, but could not land one shot that could give him an upset win.

In the sixth round Cervantes moved in for the kill. He hurt the Japanese with a left-right combo to the body and jaw. Antonio kept up the attack, scoring with everything he threw. The referee came to the aid of Kiyoshi and stopped the one-sided "contest."

Kazama's only claim to fame before this bout was a 10 round draw with Lion Furuyama last January. Furuyama once went 15 with Cervantes in a losing effort for the title in December of 1973.

For Antonio this was a tune-up for his next defense against tough Hector Thompson, of Australia, to be held in Panama City later this year. Cervantes has defended his crown nine times since he won it from Panama's Alfonso Frazer, on Oct. 28, 1972, in Panama City.

The 29-year-old Cervantes has an 11-year career mark of 73 wins; 8 defeats and 3 draws; he has scored 34 knockouts.

Another star attraction on the card was undefeated Venezuelian featherweight Oscar Arnal and Puerto Rico's Enrique Solis, who is

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ZAMORA KEEPS BANTAM WBA TITLE

(Above) Mexico's Alfonso Zamora connects solidly with a left to the face of Thailand's Thanomjit Sukhothai. (Below) Sukhothai retaliates with a hard right to Zamora's head.

By DON FRASER

ANAHEIM, CAL. — Alfonso Zamora hasn't run out of challengers, but the World Boxing Assn. bantamweight champion may have to turn to his undefeated stablemate, Carlos Zarate, for his next defense.

Zamora, 21, scored a dramatic fourth-round knockout over Thanomjit Sukhothai, of Bangkok, Thailand, before a crowd of 4,940, many of whom protested vigorously just before the scheduled 15-rounder started.

The uprising—exploding cherry bombs and flying debris that littered the ring—resulted from an unpopular split decision awarded San Diego's Art Hafey over Mexico's Salvador Torres.

However, the unrest ended quickly when the handsome champion—a budding idol in Mexico—entered the ring to face his challenger, a deaf mute.

The fight began slowly. Neither demonstrated much willingness to throw punches. Sukhothai, 25, plodded flat-footed toward the explosive Zamora, who backed away cautiously.

In the second round, the undefeated Zamora, who recorded his 23rd consecutive knockout, caught Sukhothai (27-2) with his back against the ropes and hammered him with several combinations. But the lean, agile challenger, 117½, moved out of range.

Zamora, 117¾, won the second round, but was not impressive. Nor was he in the third, when Sukhothai, a former kick boxer, danced around the ring (a la Muhammad Ali), his arms dangling at his side, as he slipped occasional punches thrown by the champion.

After Sukhothai, ranked No. 2 by the WBA, moved inside, then suddenly backed away, a trickle of blood appeared from a cut over Zamora's right eye.

"It wasn't a butt as far as I could tell," referee Dick Young said after the round ended.

However, Zamora claimed the injury, which the doctor said might require five or six stitches, was the result of an accidental butt.

"He went to throw an uppercut and missed, and our heads butted," he said later in the dressing room, "I was afraid they might stop it, so I opened up in the fourth."

Zamora appeared to mean business in the fourth. He worked harder and was more aggressive. Then, suddenly, a ripping left hook—the champion's favorite punch—caught the Thai on the chin and he fell to the floor, surprised and obviously hurt.

Sukhothai staggered to his feet and wobbled around the ring, trying to avoid further punishment. Zamora, sensing a knockout, forced his opponent into the ropes and hammered heavy blows to head and body.

Sukhothai escaped, but again was trapped, and after several more damaging punches, Young moved between them and stopped the fight at 2:11 of the round.

"He had a curious style," Zamora said. "That's why I was a little cautious in the first few rounds."

Sukhothai's handlers had little comment on the almost predictable outcome (Zamora was a prohibitive favorite).

"He got hit with a left hook flush on the jaw and that was it," one of his representatives said.

Zamora won the title March 14, when he knocked out South Korea's Soo Hwan

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GALINDEZ AGAIN DEFEATS FOURIE

A low blow from South African Pierre Fourie catches WBA light heavyweight champ Victor Galindez.

By JUAN ORTEGA

W.B.A. Light Heavyweight Title Successfully Defended By Victor Galindez In Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA — W.B.A. light heavyweight king Victor Galindez, Argentina, made it two out of two over local Pierre Fourie in defense of his crown, via 15 round split decision.

South African Fourie now has lost in his fourth bid for the light heavyweight title. He was defeated twice by Bob Foster, once in Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 21, 1973, and later that year, Dec. 1, in Johannesburg. Both contests went the 15 round distance. Earlier this year, Pierre dropped a close 15 round decision to Galindez in Johannesburg. Fourie is lucky to have backers with such big money to get the champions to come to his backyard for title bouts. Still he comes up on the short end of it.

It was a slow bout for the first eight rounds, with Fourie doing most of the scoring, with a good left jab, which drew blood from Galindez's nose early in the contest. The champion did not force any of the action. He laid on the ropes counting with rights to the body of the South African.

By the tenth round, Galindez's body punches began to take effect on Fourie. The Johannesburg lad tired noticeably at this point, as Galindez started to tag him with hard left hooks to the head, which caused Fourie's nose to bleed.

From the 11th-13th, Pierre boxed flat-footed, being forced against the ropes by the champion, who was belting him with good rights to the body and lefts to the head.

Galindez was very tired at the start of the 14th round. Fourie, seeing this, got a second wind, and again opened up on the champion. He used a good left and overhand rights to score against a slow moving Galindez. Victor could do no better than a wild right now and then.

The last round was Fourie's best, scoring at will, as the champion was holding on, feeling that he had the decision.

Pierre had a big smile on his face while he tagged Galindez with sharp lefts and rights to the head over the last 60 seconds of the bout. At this point in the contest, Fourie was looking for the big kayo, but didn't have the power to do so. There were no knockdowns in the fight.

A crowd of 35,000 at Rands Stadium were disappointed when the referee raised Galindez's hand in victory. Two of the judges voted for the champ and the other for Fourie. By agreement, the judges' scorecards were not made public.

What's next for Galindez? Well, there's always W.B.C. king John Conteh, or a rematch with U.S. champion Len Hutchings.

But maybe former king Bob Foster would like to take a crack at Galindez. For Fourie, his backers still have the money, and want another chance at the title of Galindez or Conteh.

As they say, "The champions go where the big money is, and South Africa has it." We have not heard the last of Pierre Fourie.

VALAN GOT $5,000 FOR NOT REFEREEING BIG FIGHT

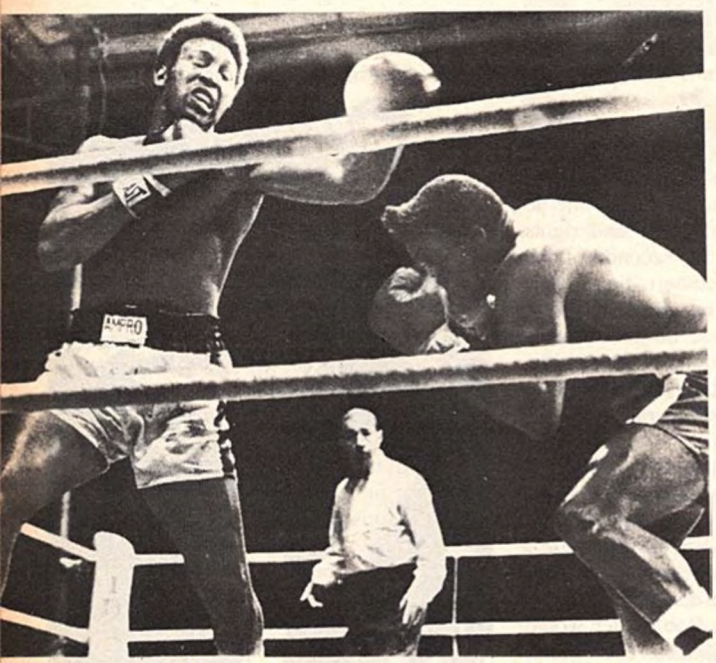
By HAROLD VALAN

Referee Harold Valan, left, poses with judge and Korean and Orient Boxing Commissioner Roy Kim, with whom he officiated the Sandro Mazzinghi-Ki-Soo Kim Jr. middleweight title bout held in Milan.

I NOW hold a record for payment to a referee who did not officiate. I went to Kuala Lumpur to referee the Ali-Bugner fight. Zack Clayton went with me to be one of the judges. He, too, was shut out of any official connection.

I received $5,000 for sitting around and watching the champion of Europe do exceedingly little. It cost Don King, the promoter of the Malaysian fight, $6,000 for my travelling expenses, which makes a total of $11,000 for doing nothing.

The referee was a Japanese. He was not up to the job, lacking in professional experience. It was farcical to listen to the referee deliver his instructions in Japanese to the fighters as they stood in ring center before the contest. The way the Japanese referee scored the fight was fantastic.



Valan is seen as third man in the ring in this bout between Floyd Patterson, right, and Jimmy Ellis, left, on September 14, 1968, which allowed Ellis to retain the W.B.A. portion of the heavyweight title.

He scored the fight five rounds even. He gave Muhammad six rounds and Bugner four, two of which, I presume, were for showing up.

Bob Clayton, Archie Hindman of the WBA and I were heaved out. Americans not wanted. Three of the officials were foreigners.

I was notified that I was not to referee only one hour before the fight.

You can see from the Japanese referee's scoring that the championship hinged on a round. Preposterous. Bugner was not a contender in any way.

Two British boxing men were instrumental in having Clayton and me thrown out of action.

I came away from Kuwala with tremendous respect for two men—Muhammad Ali and Don King.

Ali once again proved to be the greatest fighter of the time, and King made all the great promoters of the past look like butchers.

He was generous and big hearted in every way. I don't know how great Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs were as promoters, but they were not in a class with Don King.

Muhammad Ali is the greatest athlete in ring action.

Three days before the fight Ali went 15 consecutive rounds. Imagine that being done in the Malaysian heat. A man with a heart, a trainer, a strategist in his own right and always ready to let the other fighter get a crack at the dough.

Herbert Muhammad and Ali fought for me to referee, but the anti-American feeling won.

I gave Ali 13 rounds and Bugner two, for showing up.

Clayton scored it 13 and 1. Of course, it was no contest.

On the day of the fight my picture was run in the local press. British writers were congratulating me over having been picked to referee, and I kept telling them I was not sure. I had a feeling that I would be shoved out of the running, but they all figured I was trying to keep it secret.

Which brings me back to Don King. He is a square shooter.

That I did not referee the big fight was not my fault, but it also was not his fault. In other places I could name I would have gotten $500 for actually refereeing a fight, and for not officiating I would have gotten nothing.

Ghana's "Poison" Kotey Takes Title From Olivares

By DON FRASER

Ruben Olivares, center, attempts to quiet the rioting crowd's protest against the split decision which stripped Olivares of the WBC featherweight title and gave it to David Kotey.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. — David (Poison) Kotey, of Ghana, became the World Boxing Council's 126-pound titleholder when he won a split decision over Mexico's Ruben Olivares before a crowd of 8,000 at the Forum.

The decision, only rumored at first, never was announced over the public address system, as fans staged a prolonged demonstration within moments after the last blow was struck.

Chairs were thrown, a few bottles were broken and scuffles broke out at ringside, apparently in anticipation of the verdict which dethroned one of Mexico's all-time idols.

When a subsequent 10-rounder began about a half hour after the demonstration, the decision was flashed on the message board.

Judges Dick Young (143-142) and Chuck Hassett (144-143) favored Kotey, the 25-year-old No. 1 contender who was making his United States debut. Referee Rudy Jordan voted for Olivares, 144-143.

Promoter Jack Cooke reported damage to the arena was negligible, and that there were no arrests.

Kotey, who scored a first-round knockdown and built a comfortable lead that stood up against Olivares' late rally, didn't care to comment on the fight.

"I'm tired, and I don't want to talk any more," he said after granting a brief interview to a single newsman, while the fighter's trainer lay on a rubbing table moaning and holding his head in pain.

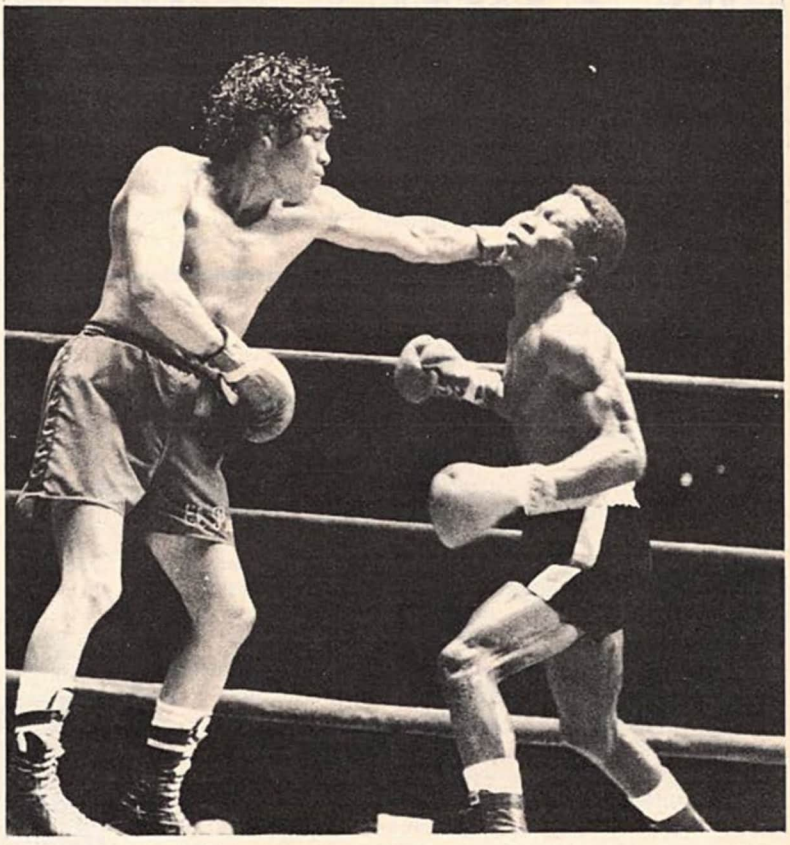
The fight was dull and uneventful except for the knockdown, which came suddenly when Kotey landed a left hook to the head.

Olivares, the 2-1 favorite, was on his feet immediately, more surprised than hurt. He took an eight-count and resumed action.

Kotey, looking much stronger than the 27-year-old veteran, remained in command until midway in the fight. Olivares then picked up the pace, but was not impressive; Kotey simply bogged down in the stretch.

In the 12th, Olivares suffered a cut over his left eye—the result of a butt, according to Jordan.

Action was halted momentarily while Dr. Roger Thill examined the wound and while Jordan conferred with Joey Olmos of the Athletic Commission. It was decided the fight should resume; it did.



Olivares lands a left to the side of Kotey's head in what was a surprisingly uneventful fight.

Olivares, who had won the title from Bobby Chacon on a secondround knockout last June 20, at the Forum, lost his sixth fight against 78 wins and one draw. He has knocked out 71.

The former bantamweight champion, who admitted he had been training on beer at his Gilman Hot Springs camp the past few weeks, made his 19th appearance at the Forum, where he is 15-4.

He was paid $80,000. Kotey received $15,000.

Over the limit at the morning weigh-in,

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WBC junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera, of Puerto Rico, throws a right to the head of Lionel Hernandez, of Venezuela.

Referee Ray Solis orders Hernandez to a neutral corner after he decked Escalera with a left hook to the head a moment after the bell sounded ending the sixth round.

Escalera-Hernandez WBC Title Bout Proves Dull Draw

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

CARACAS, VENEZUELA — W.B.C. junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera, of Puerto Rico, and challenger Lionel Hernandez of Venezuela, battled to a controversial draw in fifteen rather tame and dreary rounds.

The decision did not meet with the approval of the fans, who felt that local idol Lionel deserved the verdict.

Venezuelan judge Jose Arizmendi voted 147-142 in favor of Hernandez, while Puerto Rican judge Quinones Falu cast his vote, 146-144, in favor of Escalera.

The deciding vote of Mexican Referee Ray Solis was cast in favor of a draw at 147-147.

Although he had reach, height and punching power in his favor, the heavily favored Escalera could rarely catch up with his fleet-footed opponent.

Hernandez fought in very brief spurts in each of the rounds, while staying clear of his opponent's overhand rights and swooping uppercuts.

Escalera, on the other hand, played it too cool in the early part of the fight. He felt his moment would come. As he stated before the fight, "Lionel can run but he cannot hide. I'll catch up to him."

But Lionel did a good job of running and hiding, and it was only in rare moments that Escalera was able to catch up with him.

In the third, he opened up a nasty cut with a long left hook over his opponent's right cheekbone.

Hernandez was greatly stimulated by his enthusiastic followers, who did not take kindly towards Escalera's clowning tactics.

The champion, on occasion, would halt his fruitless pursuit, and invite his fleet-footed opponent to stand still and fight.

Going into the fourteenth round, the listless bout was a toss-up. In reality, neither fighter did anything of merit. It was, in fact, rather difficult to signal out one round where there was a decided edge for either laggard.

However, in the fourteenth, Escalera managed to catch his opponent with a volley of fast blows that silenced the enthusiastic pro-Hernandez crowd. Although the Venezuelan was on queer street, he managed to outlast the round.

Hernandez held his own in the fifteenth and last round in an effort to catch the judges' eye. However, if he had opened up as he did in these last two sessions, he surely would have been knocked out.

What did the fighters have to say after the bout?

Lionel Hernandez: "I think I won the fight by two points" (a far cry from judge Arizmendi's vote of 147-142 in favor of Hernandez).

Alfredo Escalera: "It was a lousy fight. I looked awful. But how can you fight with a guy who is always running away from you?"

I'll have to go along with Escalera on this score. A challenger has to make the fight if he wants to take the title. Hernandez displayed very little championship calibre, and was far from worthy of a title claim. This was also the feeling of many local fight scribes.

Escalera's next showing will be against Norwegian Sven Paulson, possibly in Norway.

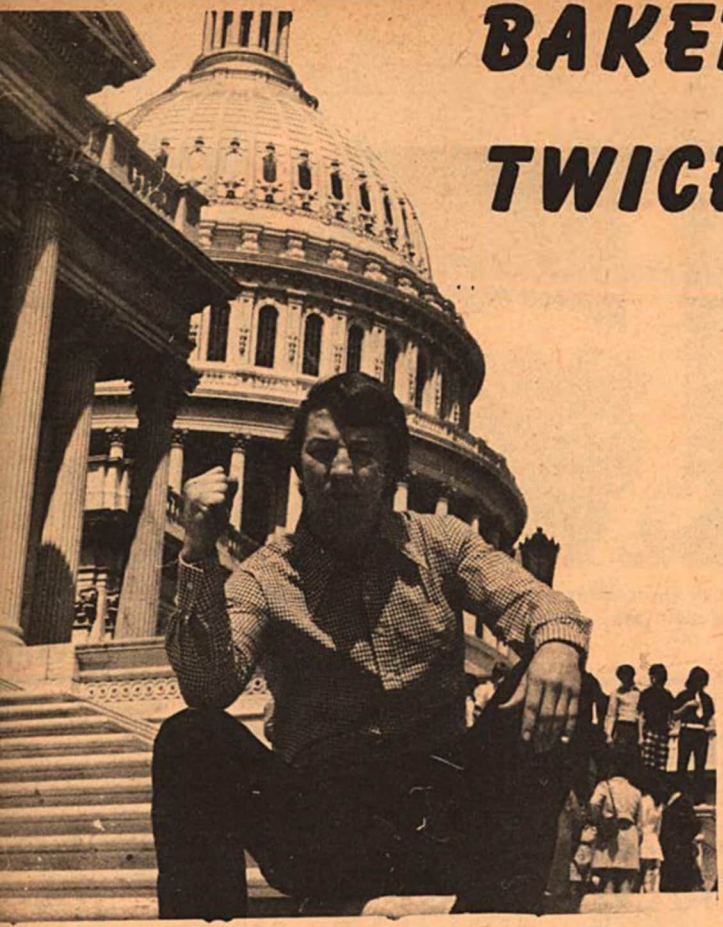
He's going to have to show lots of improvement if he is to retain the title against the heavy hitting Norwegian.

Fileberto Lebron, manager of Escalera stated, "With the experience we had in Venezuela, I prefer that the Paulson fight be staged in Puerto Rico." Aside from the fact that the decision which did not favor Escalera was not just, he felt that the fans were extremely rude and hostile throughout the fight here in Caracas. He would not like to have that happen again.

He closed by saying, "I know Alfredo is a clown, but he means no harm to anyone and is an extremely humble boy. It will be difficult to get me to go back to Venezuela for a fight."

Third round action saw Escalera, right, open a cut over Hernandez's right cheekbone.

BAKER DEFENDS TWICE IN ONE WEEK



U.S. junior middleweight champion, Irish Mike Baker, successfully defended his title against Gary Bailey and Charley Fullard in the same week.

By JOHN ORT

PORTLAND, ME. — Irish Mike Baker, Spantanburg, S.C., 154, won a onesided 10 round decision over New York's Gary Bailey in defense of his U.S. junior middleweight crown.

Baker started the contest fast with a good left jab to the face of Bailey. The New Yorker kept on coming, scoring with wild rights to the body of Baker.

From the third round on, the contest was all the champion's, scoring with right hands to the head and lefts to the body at will. Bailey was hurt from a right hand in the 6th round. He was stagged again in the 8th and 10th. He held on until the final bell.

Baker is now 4-1 this year. He has defended his crown three times, beating Willie Crockett, Paul Osborne and now Bailey. The champ split his two middleweight bouts with ranking Leo Saenz in Largo, Md.

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HUTCHINS BEATS LEE IN U.S. TITLE BOUT

United States light heavyweight champion, Len Hutchins.

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

SAN FRANCISCO — Match-maker Ted Clark should be congratulated for luring United States light heavyweight champion Len Hutchins, of Detroit, to face "Irish" Terry Lee in the main event at Kezar Pavilion. Hutchins had to settle for a split decision win over local favorite Lee.

The Kezar Boxing Club resumed fights with an interesting lineup of local and imported talent. Hutchins is listed as the number one contender for the split championship held by Conteh and Galindez. He appeared to be in great shape as he stalked Lee with jabs to the head and hooks to the body. Lee, noted for his defensive skills, made it difficult for Hutchins to land effective punches. Always backing up and slipping under punches, Lee concentrated on countering when Hutchins was off balance. Although a relatively quiet battle, the fans responded to the finer skills of both fighters with cheers of encouragement.

Both judges gave the fight to Hutchins by a clear margin, but the referee added up his card to read 5-3 for Lee. As would be expected, the fans displayed their disapproval vocally.

In an accompanying six rounder, Tommy Evans, 185 lb., gave away sixty pounds to Big Bill Ryan, 245 lb., and registered a first round knock out. Evans, from Oakland, has just recently grown into a heavyweight. In another six rounder Fidel Frajo, of Clover-

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By MIKE HAYES

Decked For First Time In Career, Lyle Outguns Shavers In Six

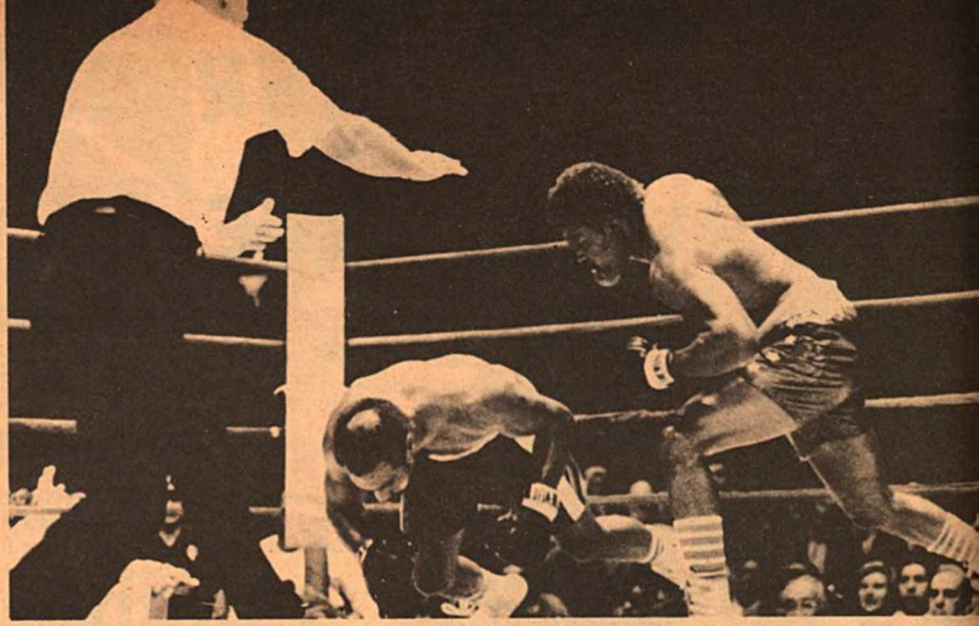
DENVER, COL. — One long-time sports columnist called it "The best heavyweight fight I ever saw."

Another asked: "Can you imagine what would have happened had the fight with Muhammad Ali not been stopped?"

These and other favorable comments came after 5th-ranked heavyweight Ron Lyle had demolished Earnie Shavers with a barrage of hard right punches early in the sixth round of their scheduled 12-round bout here.

Lyle wound up with a knockout victory with the sixth round only 34 seconds old. And, he had to rebound from his first career knockdown four rounds earlier.

Shavers entered the bout with a 49-4-1 record, which included 48 knockouts. Thirty-seven of those KO's occurred before the end of the third round, and 20 were in the first round alone.



Earnie Shavers heads for the canvas after a barrage of rights were delivered by Ron Lyle in round six of their Denver bout.

Lyle countered with a 30-3-1 mark which featured 21 knockouts. However, Lyle had lost his two previous bouts—a 10-round decision to Jimmy Young and the controversial 11th-round TKO reversal to Ali last May 16, in Las Vegas.

In that Las Vegas title bout the fight was stopped midway in the 11th-round, despite Lyle's never having been sent to the canvas.

His perfect record of never having been knocked down disappeared in the second round of the Shavers bout when a left hook dumped the Denver fighter to one knee. He was on his feet at the end of the mandatory eight-count, and as Shavers was moving in, the bell sounded the end of the round.

The six rounds were an absolute brawl. Neither fighter tried to avoid mixing it up, and all boxing rules were dismissed. It was a war! Never had the crowd of 5,058 witnessed a fight with so many momentum changes.

At the start of the third round, Lyle, showing little effect from the knockdown, immediately carried the fight to Shavers. Just when it appeared Shavers would succumb to the pressure, the tide turned and he put Lyle in trouble again. That was the mood of the entire bout.

With the fight even going into the sixth round, Lyle took charge right off, and

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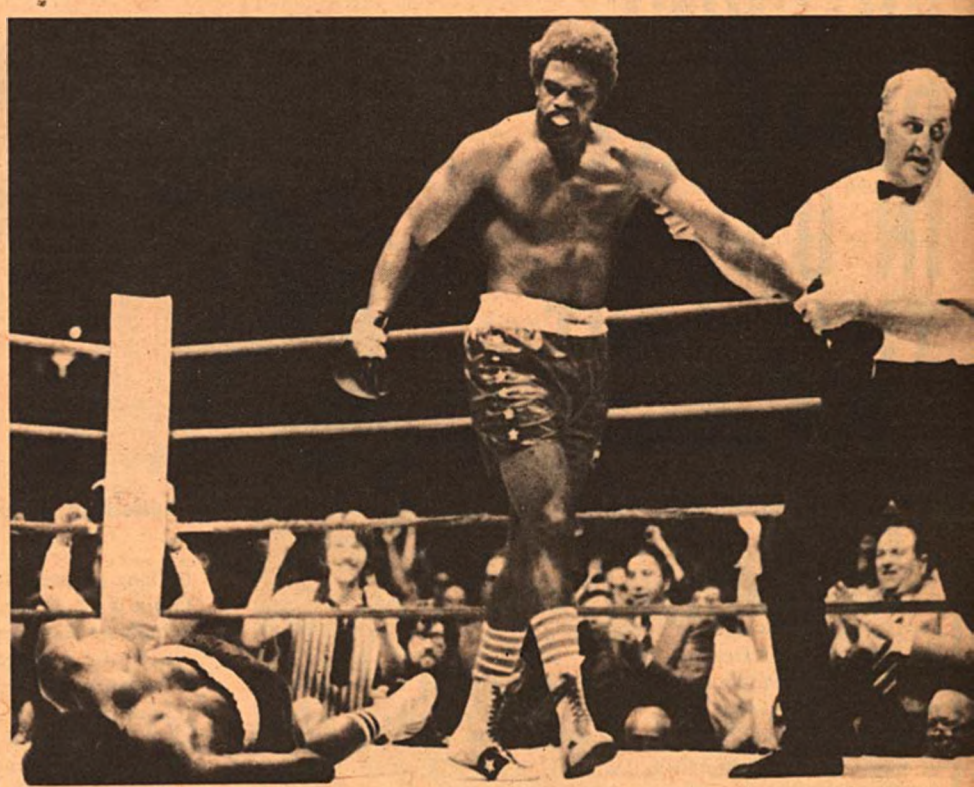
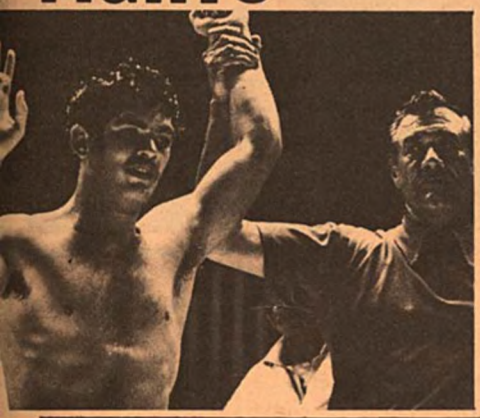
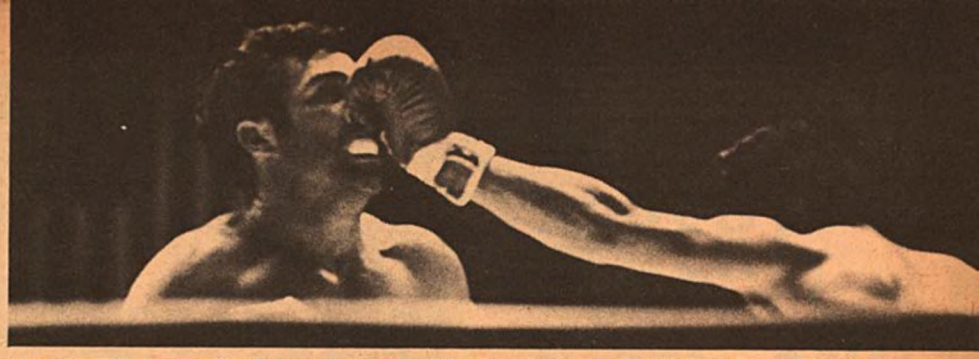


Referee Joe Ullmer leads Ron Lyle to a neutral corner, so the count can begin over the fallen Earnie Shavers during the first minute of the sixth round.

LUNNY'S FIRST LOSS IN 26 FIGHTS





(Above) Ray Lunny III is on the receiving end of a hard left by Vilomar Fernandez in the fourth round of their San Francisco bout. (Left) Fernandez, who beat Lunny over eight rounds by unanimous decision, has his arm raised in victory by referee Hank Elespuru.

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. — Ray Lunny III, premier local fighter, suffered his first professional loss in twenty-six bouts against previously unknown Vilomar Fernandez, at the Cow Palace.

Fernandez, from the Bronx, punched his way to a unanimous decision before a nation wide T.V. crowd. Lunny was caught midway through the first round with a series of overhand punches and was unable to mount a noticeable offense for the remainder of the fight.

Fernandez, who came into the ring with a record of 17-4-1, avenged a loss by his brother Jose earlier in the year to Lunny.

Lunny, who had been ranked 4th in the junior lightweight division by Ring, seemed unable to move adequately, and was cornered and hurt a number of times. In the 3rd round, Lunny was hit with a dozen hard punches, and referee Hank Elespuru stepped in and gave Lunny a standing eight count when he was unable to give a reply to the punches.

Lunny, who drew with world champ Ben Villaflor in the same ring, always has had a habit of keeping his hands low. Fernandez took advantage of this, and was able to counter punch Lunny effectively.

Both fighters weighted in a 132, but the New Yorker appeared much stronger. Brute strength is often overlooked as an asset to a

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Old Man Briscoe Not Too Old To Take Gregory In 10

By NIGEL COLLINS

PHILADELPHIA, PA. — Local middleweight idol Bennie Briscoe pressured his way to an exciting ten-round split decision over highly regarded Eddie "Flame" Gregory before a crowd of 5,249 at the Spectrum.

Considered washed-up by many experts, Briscoe proved that he still can rumble with the best of them.

Gregory, nine years Briscoe's junior at 23, came into the bout with impressive credentials. He had blasted his way into The Ring's world wide top ten with five consecutive knockouts, and saw the aging Briscoe as one more stepping stone to the top. Briscoe, however, was not quite ready to roll over and play dead.

The first round went to Gregory's better boxing, as Briscoe got off to his usual slow start.

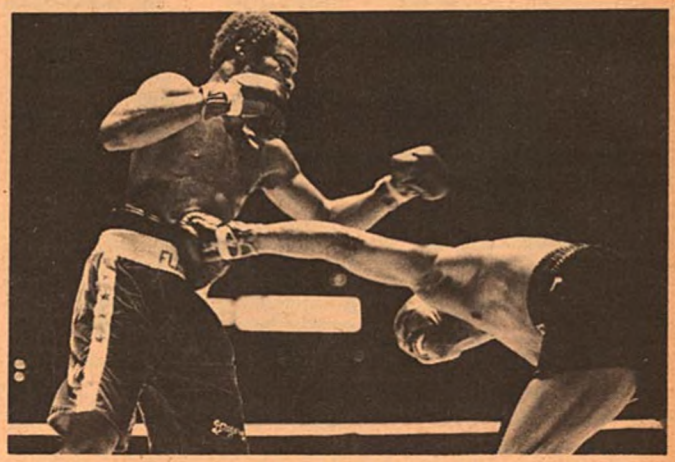
The second was close, but three good overhand rights delivered by Briscoe earned him the round.

Pandemonium broke lose in the third, when Briscoe nailed Gregory early with a solid left hook and the New Yorker dug in his heels and fired back. For the rest of the round it was all out war with both men hammering home punch after punch.

To the delight of the fans, it was more of the same in the fourth. Briscoe loves this kind of fight, and stayed right on top of the younger man, pumping energy draining whacks to the mid-section. It must have been very discouraging for Gregory to see Bad Bennie sample some of his best shots and still keep driving in.

The next round Gregory backed off, and distained from trading with Briscoe for the remainder of the match. Briscoe kept chugging forward and punched open a cut over Eddie's left eye in the fifth.

"The Flame" got his left jab working in the sixth, but the rally was short lived. Briscoe pressured him out of his stride in the seventh and reopened the cut.



Bennie Briscoe, who beat Eddie Gregory over ten rounds, in Philadelphia, ducks a hook thrown by Gregory and counters with a left to the body.

The eighth was another good give and take round, with Briscoe's attack giving him the edge once again.

The hard core Philly fans, who had cheered Gregory's courage during the early slugging, showered verbal abuse on the young warrior when he elected to run the last two rounds.

It was at this very point that Gregory should have taken advantage of Briscoe's old legs and launched an assault of his own. He

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British import Ronnie Gibbons hopes for a shot at first the welterweight and then the middleweight title. Seen on left is his manager, Gill Clancy.

RONNIE GIBBONS' BRIGHT STAR SHINES IN U.S.

By JOHN ORT

TWO years ago a young man called The Ring office to ask if we knew of anyone who would want to manage a young British welterweight. We gave this boy a few addresses, one of which was that of Gil Clancy at Tel-Star gym. This started what might become a real life success story for Ronnie Gibbons.

Son of a writer and a fruit and vegetable merchant, he was born in Liverpool, England, on June 30, 1953. He is a secondary school graduate, and has one sister, Rita, 16, and a brother, Frank, 18. His father, Ronnie senior, is known in England as the man who disputes Newton's theory of relativity. Ronnie, Jr., is also a deep thinker, and is heard spouting different theories on many subjects that most boxers and trainers know nothing about.

Gibbons started boxing in England at the age of 15. He wanted to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, Francis Gibbons, who was the middleweight champion of the Rep. Irish Guards in the Twenties. Ronnie won five amateur bouts via kayoes, and lost three on decisions against what he calls the "tap tap boys." "They all ran away from me, sticking out jabs." He went on, "I got to the finals of the ABA championships, but lost on a nod to Alf Barnes for the welterweight title. My teachers in England were Jack Tansey, Bobby Rob and former bantamweight champion Alan Rudkin. Incidentally, Jack Tansey, my trainer, once broke my jaw showing me that famous one, two! In school I was a big star in track. I was the original lonely long distance runner, undefeated in over 200 races. My biggest win was the middle distance championship of England. I won that in a real big snow storm." Gibbons states he has a recurring dream: "I feel the canvas on my back and I look up, and someone is counting ten over me." Ronnie hopes this is just a nightmare, and not a premonition of a future bout.

Gibbons is what Gil Clancy calls the perfect fighter to manage. He loves to train, doesn't smoke, drink, or engage in other hurtful activities when in training. He is now being taught by Bernard Forbes, who also works with Emile Griffith.

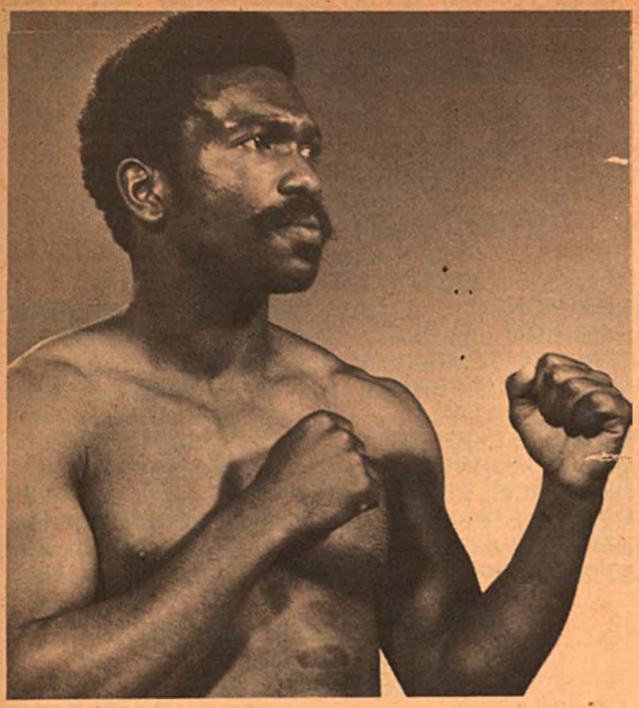
Gibbons is undefeated as a pro. He has boxed 14 times, drawing 1, kayoing 10. His draw was against Henry Ocasio in a four round bout in Madison Square Garden, on June 10, 1974. He has defeated men such as John Davis, Jim Montgue, Mike Swiger, George Fakaras, Oresto Lebron, Angel Cintron, Juan Morales and Kevin Morgan. He says his toughest bout was Juan Morales, over whom he won an 8 round decision. His only contest in his native England was a kayo over Montgue last February. His other bouts have been in Las Vegas, Nevada, New York City, and Largo, Md.

His favorite pastimes since coming to the States are looking at the telly and reading mystery novels. He likes to dance, when Gil Clancy lets him. Ron's other sports interests are fishing and soccer.

Asked what he wants out of boxing, he replied, "Money, cars (I have a six door Lincoln in mind), girls, but not pot or long hair. I still use that greasy kid's stuff on my hair. Most people think I look like Valentino with my hair slicked down when I enter the ring. That was Bernard Forbes' idea. I really hate it.

"I'd like to bring mom, dad, and my brother and sister over here. Also, put Rita and Frank through a U.S. University.

"I hope within the next three years to box for the world welterweight title, and someday the middleweight championship."



Portland's Mike Colbert has given up a lucrative career in the hope of making it to the top of the middleweight ranks.

MIKE COLBERT, ELECTRICIAN AND BOXER, HAS POWER TO BURN

By JOHN NOLEN

PORTLAND, ORE. — Adversity is nothing new to Mike Colbert.

After all, 7½ years ago Colbert won the National AAU championship but was then told he could not try to make the U. S. Olympic Boxing team, much less fight at all, because of a kidney disease.

All that's behind Colbert now, including a comeback in the amateur ranks that earned him a second National AAU title — in 1972.

But how many boxers today give up a $21,000-a-year job to try their luck at professional boxing?

Mike Colbert has done just that.

In the process, he says, "I've gone from driving a Cadillac to a Volkswagen, to taking the bus. Now I just pay my 35 cents and ride a bus, even to the gym to work out."

His start in the fight-for-pay ranks was somewhat slow, but then he got to know Mike Morton, the Portland fight manager.

After managing to get himself only three fights between the time he turned pro in August 1974 and April 1975 — during which time he decisioned Keith Newmann, flattened Rockey Mosley and outpointed New Zealand's Mardi Manuella — Colbert made his move.

"I was staying away from Mike Morton all that time," Colbert says now with a laugh, "because I thought he was the guy who managed Denny Moyer. I want to fight Denny Moyer, and I thought that wasn't possible because Mike was his manager.

"But then one day Ray Lampkin told me about Mike and that Mike had nothing to do with Moyer.

"That was good enough for me. Mike is my manager now and I have a lot of confidence in him. He's helped me out in many, many ways."

Colbert hasn't forgotten about Moyer, though.

Morton recalls, "In his first fight for me, against Ken Austin, in Carson City, last May, Colbert gets in the ring and I start taking off his robe. But you know, the fight hasn't even started, and all of a sudden he turns to me and says, 'I know this is our first fight together, but when do I get to fight Moyer?' "

Austin fell in three rounds, and the Morton-Colbert team was off winging. Next was Pete McIntyre in Stockton, Calif., and Colbert won a six-round decision. Ditto for victim No. 6, Steve Tohill, a previously unbeaten Canadian, in Seattle.

When Mike won the National AAU title in 1968, he hoped he was on his way to the Olympics, but kidney infection crushed that plan.

"Mike is a unique kind of a fighter — different," says Morton. "He picks his shots and lulls his opponents, then explodes all over them.

"I can't tell you how excited I am about this young man's career."

Colbert, oldest in a family of four girls and two boys, was born on Dec. 13, 1949, in Portland, and stepped into a ring for the first time when he was 12 years old. "A guy tricked me into getting

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WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING DEC. 15, 1975

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY) ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
2—GEORGE FOREMAN ..... Hayward, Calif.
3—JOE FRAZIER ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
6—JOE BUGNER ..... England
7—EARNIE SHAVERS ..... Warren, Ohio
8—CHUCK WEPNER ..... Bayonne, N.J.
9—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
10—BUNNY JOHNSON ..... England

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—JOHN CONTEH** ..... England
3—LEN HUTCHINS ..... Detroit, Mich.
4—RICHIE KATES ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—TOM BETHEA ..... New York, N.Y.
6—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, N.Y.
7—ALVARO LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
8—JESSIE BURNETT ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—BOB FOSTER ..... Albuquerque, N.M.
10—PIERRE FOURIE ..... South Africa

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS MONZON* ..... Argentina
1—RODRIGO VALDEZ** ..... Colombia
2—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
3—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
4—TONY LICATA ..... New Orleans, La.
5—GEORGE COOPER ..... Oakland, Calif.
6—WILLIE MONROE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7—RUDY ROBLES ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9—BOBBY WATTS ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10—EMILE GRIFFITH ..... New York, N.Y.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JAE DO YUH* ..... South Korea
1—MIGUEL de OLIVIERA** ..... Brazil
2—ELISH OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas
3—MIKE BAKER ..... Spartanburg, S.C.
4—KOICHI WAJIMA ..... Japan
5—ECKHART DAGGE ..... Germany
6—MIGUEL CAMPANINO ..... Argentina
7—MIGUEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
8—JOSE DURAN ..... Spain
9—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
10—PERRY ABNER ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JOSE NAPOLES** ..... Mexico
1—ANGEL ESPADA* ..... Puerto Rico
2—JOHN STRACEY ..... England
3—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
4—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.
5—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—BRUNO ARCARI ..... Italy
7—NICK ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
8—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
9—FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
10—TONY PETRONELLI ..... Brockton, Mass.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
1—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
2—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
3—LEONICO ORTIZ ..... Mexico
4—ADOLPH VIRUET ..... New York, N.Y.
5—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—LOU BIZZARRO ..... Erie, Pa.
7—ESTEBAN DeJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
8—CARLOS GIMINEZ ..... Argentina
9—CEMAL KAMACI ..... Austria
10—PEDRO FERNANDEZ ..... Spain

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN* ..... Panama
1—RAY LAMPKIN ..... Portland, Ore.
2—ANGEL MAYORAL ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
3—ISHIMATSU SUZUKI** ..... Japan
4—HECTOR MEDINA ..... Puerto Rico
5—FRANKIE BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
6—BUZZSAW YAMABE ..... Philippines
7—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—ARTURO PINEDA ..... Mexico
9—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—NANI MARRERO ..... Dominican Rep.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO* ..... Nicaragua
1—ART HAFEY ..... Canada
2—DAVE POISON KOTEY** ..... Ghana
3—ROYAL KOBAYASHI ..... Japan
4—RUBEN OLIVARES ..... Mexico
5—ELIO COTINA ..... Italy
6—SHIG FUKUYAMA ..... Japan
7—DANNY LOPEZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezuela
9—OCTAVIO GOMEZ ..... Mexico
10—JOSE CASAS ..... Argentina

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONSO ZAMORA* ..... Mexico
1—RODOLFO MARTINEZ** ..... Mexico
2—CARLOS ZARATE ..... Mexico
3—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
4—THANOMJIT SUKOTHAI ..... Thailand
5—SOO HWAN HONG ..... South Korea
6—ANDRES HERNANDEZ ..... Puerto Rico
7—DAVE NEEDHAM ..... England
8—DANIEL TROULAIRE ..... France
9—GILBERT ILLUECA ..... Panama
10—PAUL FERRERI ..... Australia

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BEN VILLAFLOR* ..... Philippines
1—TYRONE EVERETT ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
2—SVEN-ERIK PAULSEN ..... Norway
3—ALFREDO ESCALERA** ..... Puerto Rico
4—SAMUEL SERRANO ..... Puerto Rico
5—HUGO BARRAZA ..... Colombia
6—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
7—BEN ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
8—RAY LUNNY III ..... San Francisco, Calif.
9—RONNIE McGARVEY ..... Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
10—KUNIAKI SHIBATA ..... Japan

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Merida, Mexico
1—IGNACIO ESPINOZA ..... Dominican Rep.
2—SHOJI OGUMA ..... Japan
3—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela
4—ALBERTO MORALES ..... Mexico
5—ERBITO SALVARRIA* ..... Philippines
6—JAIME RIOS ..... Panama
7—VICENTE POOL ..... Mexico
8—FRANCO SPERTI ..... Italy
9—LUIS ESTABE ..... Venezuela
10—ALFONSO LOPEZ ..... Panama

MUHAMMAD ALI

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

MUHAMMAD Ali finds himself in an old spot in the world ratings. He is still the world heavyweight king and once more lays claim to the distinction of being the Fighter of the Month.

Muhammad achieved both distinctions by beating Joe Frazier for the second time in Battle No. 3 of their much discussed and long awaited struggle, this one was shifted off to the distant purlieus of Mamila in the Philippines.

Now Muhammad is confronted with the necessity of picking the next challenger, who may be Ken Norton, who has met him twice. He broke Ali's jaw in their first encounter.

The heavyweight division got a going over apart from the Battle of Manila Bay.

Oscar Bonavena was dropped from the ratings. Duane Duane Bobick got into the Top Ten.

Ron Lyle, who recently stopped Earnie Shavers was lifted from No. 8 to No. 5.

More important to the heavyweight alignment is the demotion of George Foreman from No. 1 contender, his place going to Ken Norton.

The light heavyweights, is headed by Victor Galindez, Argentina. His most recent achievement was a second victory over Pierre Fourie in South Africa.

The middleweight section saw little action. Emile Griffith fell a peg to No. 10. Baltimore's Leo Saenz dropped out of the ratings.

A glance at the welter ratings shows that Hedgeman Lewis has lost his rating. Nick Ortiz went down to No. 7 and Johnny Gant up to No. 4.

In the junior welter class Adolph Virnet displaced Tony Petronelli as the American champion.

In the feather class Ruben Oliveras lost to Dave Poison Kotey, who moved into No. 2 from nowhere with Ruben falling to 4.

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** WBC CHAMPION *W.B.A. CHAMPION

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Jody Ballard Houston, Texas	6/74	15	12	3	0	9
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Vonzell Johnson Indianapolis, Ind.	11/74	6	6	0	0	1
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Al Styles Philadelphia, Pa.	1/74	10	7	1	2	3
WELTERWEIGHT						
Ronnie Gibbons England	5/74	15	14	0	1	10
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Tony Girginoff Burlington, Mass.	2/75	6	6	0	0	2
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Terry Allen San Francisco, Calif.	9/74	8	8	0	0	5
BANTAMWEIGHT						
John Jensen Los Angeles, Calif.	8/74	11	8	3	0	3
FLYWEIGHT						
Angel Zalazar Argentina	3/74	13	13	0	0	10

James A. Farley, Jr., is sworn in as Commissioner of the New York State Athletic Commission by New York State Surrogate Judge Sam DeFalco. With Jim, Jr., from left to right, are James A. Farley, Sr., former U. S. Postmaster General; Marvin Kohn, public relations director for the Athletic Commission; and Farley's youngest son, Dennis.

Farley, Jr., New Chairman Of N.Y. Commission

By SAM TAUB

JAMES A. Farley, Jr., 47 year old son of Jim Farley, Sr., one-time Postmaster General and chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, has assumed a similiar post in New York State boxing.

Jim, Jr., has taken the place of Eddie Dooley, who some time ago retired as chairman of the Commission. Jim, Jr., served as a member of the Commission from 1956 to 1967 when he left the boxing body in a political upheaval.

Jim Farley, Sr., was on the Commission from 1922 through 1933.

Dooley's two companion Commissioners have remained in office under Jim, Jr., who receives a salary of $32,500. Outside of the Commission offices, Jim, Jr., is a director of John Lowry, Inc.

Sitting with his 15 year old son Dennis, who had come down from private school in Connecticut for the occasion, Jim, Jr., held a press conference in which he moved cautiously and made these points of importance:

(1) In the past, the Commission, created in 1922 under the Walker Law, took great pains not to become a match-making organization. Farley said that while this policy would continue, the Commission would be much more active in promoting matches and increasing the number of bouts.

(2) Henceforth the age limit for a boy attending a fight or wrestling match in New York, with an adult, would be reduced from 14 to 10 years old. He added that he could see no harm to a youngster of 10 or more than if he were 14, in attending a fight or wrestling match.

(3) The Commission would have closer supervision over the judges and referees.

(4) He will inspect the once prolific areas like Buffalo, Syracuse, and Albany, in a campaign to increase the numbers of fights.

(5) Granted that Ken Buchanan is still eligible, he will help the Garden to push a Duran-Buchanan lightweight title fight, for which contracts already exist. The possibility exists of a Duran-Jose Napoles match.

(6) He studiously dodged the issue of female judges. There are presently two in the state of New York.

(7) He is enthusiastic over the reopening of the Felt Forum in the Garden, and is certain that it will not again be forced to shut down because of rioting over decisions. He looks forward to the Nassau Coliseum doing more with fights.

(8) He is optimistic concerning the effect on the Garden schedule of the 22 cards announced by Teddy Brenner, of the Garden, for 1976. He looks to the 22 cards to increase boxing interest in New York via television. The first seven cards of the series were sent to Las Vegas.

(9) Farley announced that he is opposed to bringing in referees and judges from other states or nations to work in New York State.

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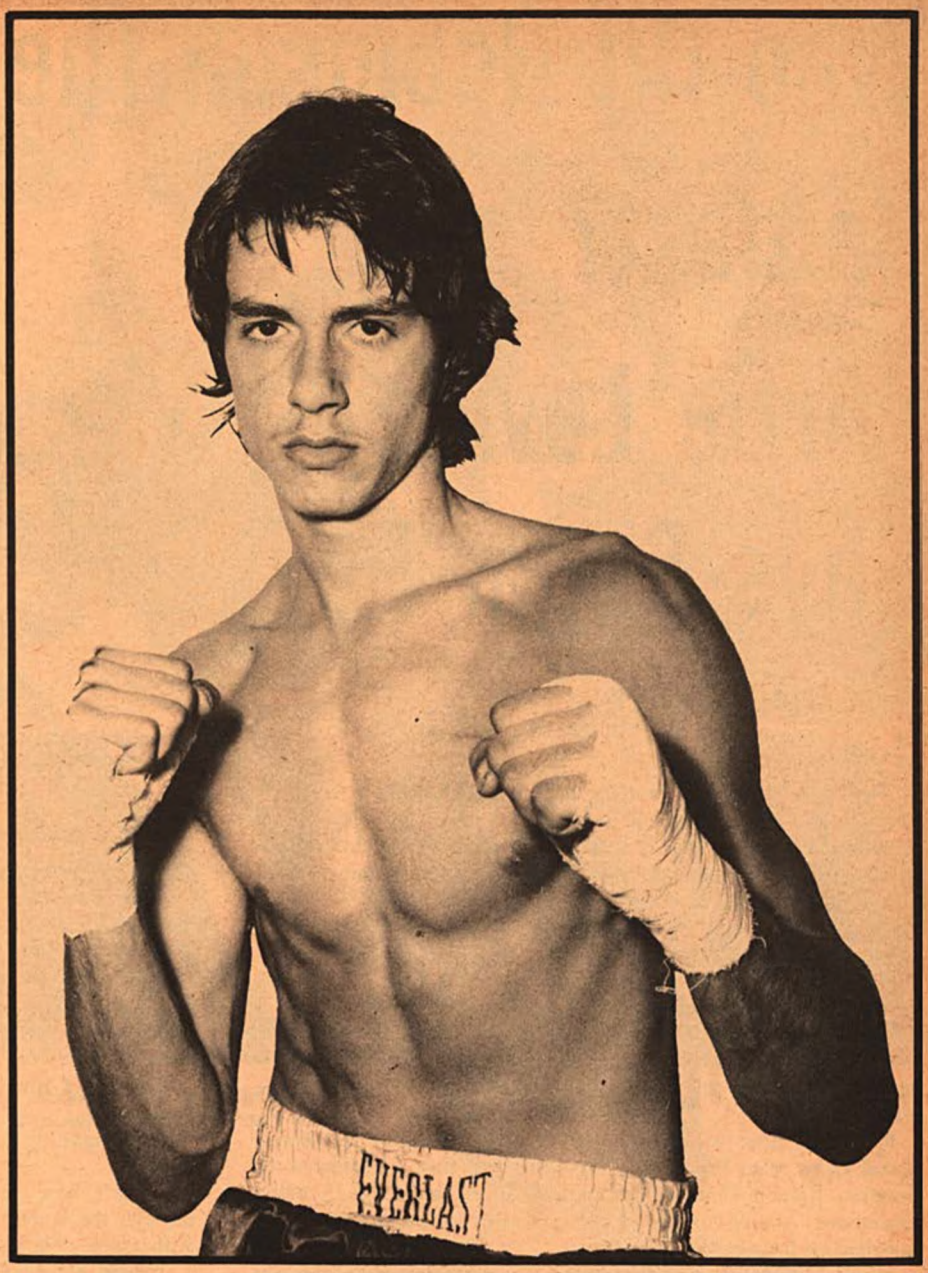
Seventeen-year-old Tony Girginoff turned pro in February of this year, and has defeated all four of the opponents he has met to date.



Tony Girginoff- New England Prospect

By DON DRAKE

BOSTON, MASS: 17-year-old undefeated lightweight, Tony Girginoff, of Burlington, Mass., a small town 18 miles north of Boston, is New England's newest young boxing prospect.

Tony, who was born in Brussels, Belgium, on Dec. 15, 1957, was the 1974 New England AAU featherweight champion. A great many fight fans have compared Tony Girginoff to Billy Soose, former middleweight champion of the world. Like Billy Soose, Tony is 6 feet tall, and won 43 out of 48 AAU fights before turning professional on Feb. 18, 1975, at Lewiston, Maine, by knocking out veteran fighter, George Osselin of Lewiston in the 5th round of a 6-round match. Osselin was former Maine lightweight and junior welterweight champion.

Billy Soose, who was a 6-foot tall AAU featherweight and lightweight, fought his first pro fight, a 6-rounder, as a welterweight on March 15, 1938, and stopped Johnny Dean in four rounds at Los Angeles.

Like Billy Soose, Tony is a boxer-puncher, with a deadly left jab and left hook.

Tony, a student at Austin Prep Catholic School in Reading, Mass., is also a honor student and can speak 5 different languages.

Tony's background is like a story in one of those European espionage thrillers. Tony's father was born in Bulgaria and his mother, in Swabia. Both his parents separately fled to Yugoslavia during the War to escape the Nazis, and when the communists took over Yugoslavia, both parents were put in a concentration camp, where they met one another.

Then when the Americans came into Yugoslavia they were freed, and after being released, they went to Belgium, where they were married.

That is where Tony and his younger brother, Johnny Girginoff, a noted New England amateur fighter were born.

Tony's parents took up and came to the United States, first living in the Bronx, New York. This is the same section that produced champions like Jake LaMotta and Phil Terranova.

After living in New York for five years, they moved to Burlington, Mass., where Tony's father has an auto shop.

In 1974, while part of an American AAU boxing team, Tony won three out of three fights in Yugoslavia, beating the best amateur fighters in Ljubljana, Zagreb and Belgrade. All three

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Who Hit Robinson The Hardest? "Artie Levine," Says Sugar Ray

Ex-welterweight Artie Levine relaxes in the backyard of his Hollis Hills, New York, home with his pet, Ocho.

By MICHAEL SILVER

"CHAMP, who hit you the hardest punch of your career?" That question, as every fight fan knows is inevitable when a ring great is interviewed. This time the question took on added significance, as it was posed to perhaps one of the greatest ringmen of all time—Sugar Ray Robinson.

On a recent T.V. show, aired by the National Educational Television Network and hosted by Curt Gowdy, Sugar Ray and Rocky Graziano were brought together to view the film of their 1952 battle won by Robinson on a third round KO.

At the end of the show Gowdy asked the inevitable question. Before Robinson's answer is given, a brief recapping of his incredible career is necessary to fully appreciate the significance of his answer.

Robinson, after a brilliant amateur career, fought 202 professional fights from 1940 to 1965. During that time he defeated the toughest fighters three decades could offer, including 13 world champions. Among his opponents were some of the most fearsome punchers of the day.

It should also be noted that during his long career Robinson was never really knocked out. The lone KO defeat on his record—the loss to Joey Maxim—was due to heat prostration, and not the light hitting Maxim's punches.

Robinson's reply must have come as a surprise to the general public viewing the show. "I'd have to say that Artie Levine hit me with the hardest punch of my career," said Robinson.

Artie Levine? Who, you may ask, is Artie Levine? Chances are, if you were not a fight fan during the 1940's the name Artie Levine will not provoke any stirring memories. However, to knowledgeable fight buffs the reply came as no great surprise. It was a well-known fact that Artie Levine was one of the most feared punchers operating in the mid to late 1940's—an era when U.S. boxing was filled with hundreds of tough competent professionals.

And now the career of Artie Levine took on added significance, and perhaps a bit of immortality, for he was paid the ultimate tribute of being the man who Sugar Ray himself said hit him the hardest.

Further investigation shows that this was not the first time Robby had paid homage to Levine's power. In his 1970 autobiography "Sugar Ray," Robinson mentions Levine. . . . "I knew about Artie Levine. Six weeks before I outpointed Tommy Bell for the title, I boxed Levine in Cleveland. He clipped me with a left hook to the jaw that flopped me like a fish in the fifth round, or so I've been told. I really have no recollection of what round it was—all I remember is George (George Gainford, Robinson's manager) talking to me in the corner.

'Robinson,' he was growling, 'you got to come on to beat this guy.'

'Plenty of time,' I told him. 'I'll get him. There's plenty of time.'

'Plenty of time,' yelled George. 'The eighth round is next Robinson.'

'The eighth?' I said, squinting at him. "I thought it was the fourth.'

"That's how Artie Levine could scramble your brains. I got through the eighth round, but in the ninth he staggered me again with another left hook. After that round George lectured me.

'Watch his left hook, Robinson,' he advised. 'Stay away from his left hook.'

"The ten second warning buzzed for the final round . . . old Soldier Jones, who was working in my corner that night, leaned between the ropes. 'Gamble son' he whispered. 'Now's the time to take a gamble.'

"With less than a minute to go in the final round, I dug a left hook into Levine's midsection and he sagged against the ropes. I had him now and I battered him. He was counted out while sitting on the lower rope, with 19 seconds to go."[1]

Very interesting, but this story, of course, cannot end here. The writer's curiosity had been aroused. What had become of Artie Levine; where was he now? Had he suffered the unfortunate fate of so many ex-pugs, and fallen on hard times?

A check of the 1950 Ring Record Book shows that Levine, from Brooklyn, New York, fought professionally from 1942 to 1949 winning 50 battles, including 36 via the kayo route. He lost 15 and had six draws.

Included in those 50 wins were victories over topnotchers Sonny Horne, Jimmy Doyle, Vic Dellicurti, Billy Walker and Herbie Kronowitz. All except Kronowitz were kayo victims.

The Robinson fight took place in Cleveland on November 6,

1) *Sugar Ray* by Robinson & Dave Anderson. Pages 139-140.

Back on November 6, 1946, Artie Levine, left, delivered the brain scrambling punch that had Sugar Ray, right, confused for 3 rounds. Robinson finally KO'ed Levine with only 19 seconds remaining in the bout.

1946, when Ray was 26 years old and at the peak of his form.

Two months after the Levine fight he would defeat Tommy Bell for the welterweight championship of the world. Levine, on the other hand, was 21 years old, and at that young age was already a highly regarded contender.

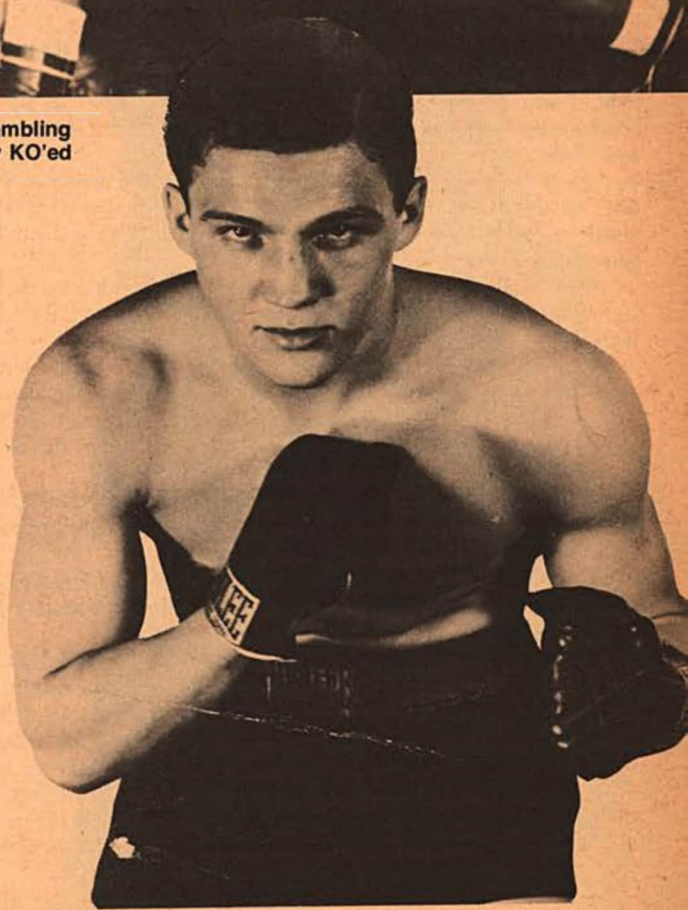
Actually, it turned out not to be that difficult to locate the present day Artie Levine. He is a popular ex-ringman around New York, and the grapevine quickly told where he could be found.

For the past five years Artie Levine has been the top salesman for Queensboro Volkswagon, a dealership (the largest in the United States) located in Queens, New York.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting Levine, and found him to be not only a first rate businessman, but a first rate gentleman as well. Gracious and articulate, Artie was more than happy to discuss his colorful career and what he had been doing since his ring retirement 25 years ago.

First off, he was well aware of Sugar Ray's statement, and as a matter of fact, since it became widely known, he had been receiving letters and inquiries from boxing fans all over the world. Even some of his old Marine Corps buddies, whom he hadn't heard from in years, were contacting him.

The first question, of course, had to be about the Robinson fight. What was it like fighting the great man?



Seen with fellow pugilists at a gathering place for sportsmen in New York City, Artie is the second from the left, top row. Others are, from top left across and around: Izzy Janero, Steve Belloise, George Abrams, Herb Kronowitz, Billy Walker, Jimmy Warren, Andy Niederietter, and Jake LaMotta.

"I can describe it best in one word—awesome. I respected Robinson, I knew he was a great fighter but I was out to win the fight. I was in great shape—Ray Arcel, a perfectionist as far as conditioning was concerned, trained me for the fight. In the ring with Robinson, it was like fighting a machine. He was ahead of you all the way, very sharp. And you don't get any openings with Ray. He's moving away from you, and as you were getting off a punch, he would touch you on the shoulder knocking you off balance and killing the punch.

"There were many things I learned in my fight with Ray. In the last round he hit me in the Adam's apple and I lost my voice for a week.

"Even so, it was a very close fight. In the fifth I caught him a good left hook and he drops. The ref walks me to the neutral corner, walks back to Robinson and picks up the count at one! Robinson was actually down for 19 seconds and I've got the newspapers to prove it. There was almost a riot at ringside."

Levine did, in fact, show the author the old newspaper clippings indicating that Robinson did indeed get a break that night in Cleveland.

"In the tenth," Artie continued "Ray got lucky and knocked me out. But the fight was close all the way. I gave him a beating and cut him up pretty bad."

Levine was asked about his punching ability. "I could always hit, I was a naturally hard puncher. But the man who taught me how to really punch was Charley Goldman, the man who trained and developed Rocky Marciano. Charley trained me for about a year, early in my career. He slowed me down, and taught me how to maneuver and position myself for the most devastating effect.

"My only regret is that I didn't fight Robinson a year before, at about the time I fought Jimmy Doyle. I was at my best then. Doyle was one hell of a good fighter—trained by Jack Johnson."

Levine knocked out Doyle on March 11, 1946, in the ninth round of a brutal fight. Doyle was carried unconscious from the ring. He recovered in a few days only to be fatally injured two years later in a fight against Robinson for the welter title.

"After Jimmy Doyle I was never the same fighter. If I didn't knock them out with one punch, I couldn't finish them off. I would tense up. In other words, the killer instinct wasn't there any more. All because I hurt Doyle. I was never the same when I had a man hurt.

"By the time I fought Robinson I was on my way down."

Levine boxed for three more years after the Robinson fight before calling it quits in 1949, at the age of 24, following defeats by Chuck Hunter and Dick Wagner.

"I was offered tremendous amounts of money to come back, but I'd lost my desire.

"I had a nose job done right away, but it collapsed on me and I just never bothered to fix it again.

"I made a good living out of boxing (Levine received $24,000 for the Robinson fight) and I have no complaints or regrets.

"Life is different today, and there are many opportunities to make a good living without boxing. But if I had to do it all over again I would probably be a fighter, it was in me."

After his ring retirement, Levine went into business for himself and for many years operated a successful meat purveyor business, supplying the hotel and restaurant trade.

It is interesting to note that in 1955 Artie Levine attempted to get a pension started for professional prize fighters that was similar to the one used by Jai Alai players, in that a certain percentage is taken out of the gross of every promotion and is contributed to the pension. A proposal was drawn up and presented before the New York State Athletic Commission.

However, that is as far as it got. "We met a lot of opposition from the boxing managers, they were afraid of losing control of their fighters, and the fighters themselves didn't express enough in-

Today, Artie is a top salesman for Queensboro Volkswagon, in Queens, New York.

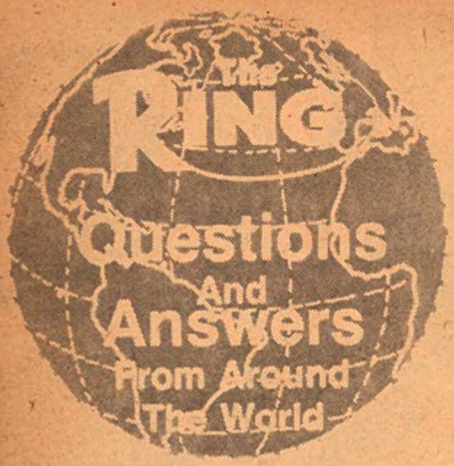
terest at the time."

Asked about the current middleweight champs, Carlos Monzon and Rodrigo Voldez, Levine offered this analysis: "I've seen them on T.V. a few times and they're both very good. They would have risen to the top in any era. The only difference is that in my day they would have been even better. They would have had to be. The competition was much stiffer 25-30 years ago. You had so many top fighters around, guys like Charley Burley, Bert Lytell, LaMotta, Fritzie Zivic, Archie Moore and many many more. New York at one time had 20 active fight clubs."

Today, Artie Levine, former contender and the man who came closest to flattening the great Robinson, lives in Hollis Hills, New York, where he resides with his lovely wife Miriam and their children, Gary 20 and Deena 12. The Levine's other daughter, Didi, is married to Dr. Jeffrey Rosen, M.D.

Levine is one of many former fighters who quietly and successfully made the adjustment to a post ring career. Boxing can be proud of Artie Levine.

Artie Levine as he looked during the second week of boot camp for the Marine Corps.



Q. Was the referee in the Ali-Foreman fight in Zaire a black man? What were the weights? Did Foreman get an extra month's training?

Eli Mordecai
Athens, Ga.

A. The referee was Zack Clayton, a black man. The weights were — Foreman, 220; Clay, 216½. Foreman got an extra month to train because he suffered a cut eye in a workout.

Q. I refuse to accept The Ring decision barring Marvin Hart from the list of heavyweight champions. Defend yourself.

Jim Cornelous
Butte, Mont.

A. Hart beat Root and that was no trick. Jeffries may have said, Let Hart and Root fight for my vacated title, and he may not have said it, and whether he said it or not, Hart's beating Root had no bearing on the world heavyweight title. Defense rests.

Q. When I was about 16, Battling Hurley and Cy Smith, Jersey lightweights fought every Tuesday and Saturday in New York. They always got bloodied and neither ever won. Are they living and what are they doing?

Joe Rosenfeld
Newark, N.J.

A. We have no line on them. The Answer Man also saw them frequently, especially at McMahon's Olympic on West 123rd Street in New York. Anybody got any dope on them?

Q. What has become of Marcel Cerdan, Jr.? He seems to come out of his shell about once a year.

Francis Gillarde
Montreal, Can.

A. I believe that he has retired for the third time and now means it. Concerning Cerdan, Sr., the Answer Man's daughter was chased off an Air Force plane to make room for the fighter. The plane crashed.

Q. For some months Ruby Goldstein ran a series in Ring. It would make a fine book. All of a sudden the series stopped. No warning, no reason printed. Why?

Ms. Jean Goldstein
New York, N.Y.

A. Ruby's series stopped without notice because his wife became seriously ill and he could not concentrate any longer on the series.

Q. Fighting on the dead level Jake LaMotta was as good as Ketchel. My friends say I have gone bananas. Do you give me any kind of support?

Harry DeLuria
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. Jake was a great fighter but he did confess to having taken a dive against Fox.

Q. What was the name of the female singer from Paris whose name often was associated with that of Marcel Cerdan, Sr.?

Lucas Corneille
Montreal, Can.

A. A name often associated with that of the fighter was that of Edith Piaf. She was a great night club singer.

Q. How many fights had Firpo had when he was sent against Dempsey?

Tully Garson
Los Angeles, Cal.

A. Firpo had had 24 fights before he met Dempsey. The Bull had pleaded for more time but Rickard refused.

Q. Who was Leach Cross? My dad says he was a great fighter. Was he?

Frank Dahlen
Chicago, Ill.

A. Leach Ross (Louis Wallach) was a fine lightweight who fought in the 1920's, chiefly in New York, the place of his birth. He was a hard puncher, not a great boxer. Leach was a dentist and retired to his drill. He is dead.

Q. I read somewhere that Zaire made nine million dollars on the closed circuit TV of the Foreman-Ali fight. This does not sound accurate and I would like to get The Ring version.

Tomas Gregorio
Monterrey, Mex.

A. The figure may be right but the plus is wrong. Zaire reportedly lost between seven and nine millions on the Battle of the Ropes.

Q. Do you think it is just to rate Bob Foster, the comeback light heavy tenth? He was the world champion when he retired and when he came back he should have been rated the No. 1 contender for the open title. It is not fair to shunt him off into No. 10.

Bob Cullen
Albuquerque, New Mex.

A. Foster is lucky to be in the ratings at all. He announced his retirement. Then he decided to come back and by the rules of rating, he had to start all over again. This thing of retiring and soon coming back has become quite a gag.

Q. When Jeffries, after five years in retirement, came back to fight Jack Johnson, did he defend the world title or was he merely a challenger?

John V. Gallagher
Youngstown, Ohio

A. Jeffries was a bad challenger. It was a joke affair and Jeff was in there for the dough and just the dough.

Q. Reading Punch Lines over several years I have got the impression that the Answer Man does not have a high regard for John L. Sullivan as a fighter or a man. Am I right? Why don't you rate the Boston Strong Boy one of the real greats? He was the world champion until Corbett stopped him, and it took Jim 21 rounds to dispose of the Great Man. I say you are prejudiced.

James F. Sullivan
Boston, Mass.

A. I do not believe that the heavyweight field in which Sullivan operated was worth much. I do not believe that Sullivan, as a solid citizen, was worth much. Of course I never saw him fight. I did have a talk with him after he had made a temperance talk in Jersey City. He should have talked to himself on that subject 50 years earlier. I am not prejudiced. I merely rate him on his worth.

Q. Can you give me the weights in the heavyweight title fight in which Max Baer knocked out Primo Carnera in the eleventh?

Louis Delsavio
New York, N.Y.

A. Carnera weighed 263¼ and Baer 209½.

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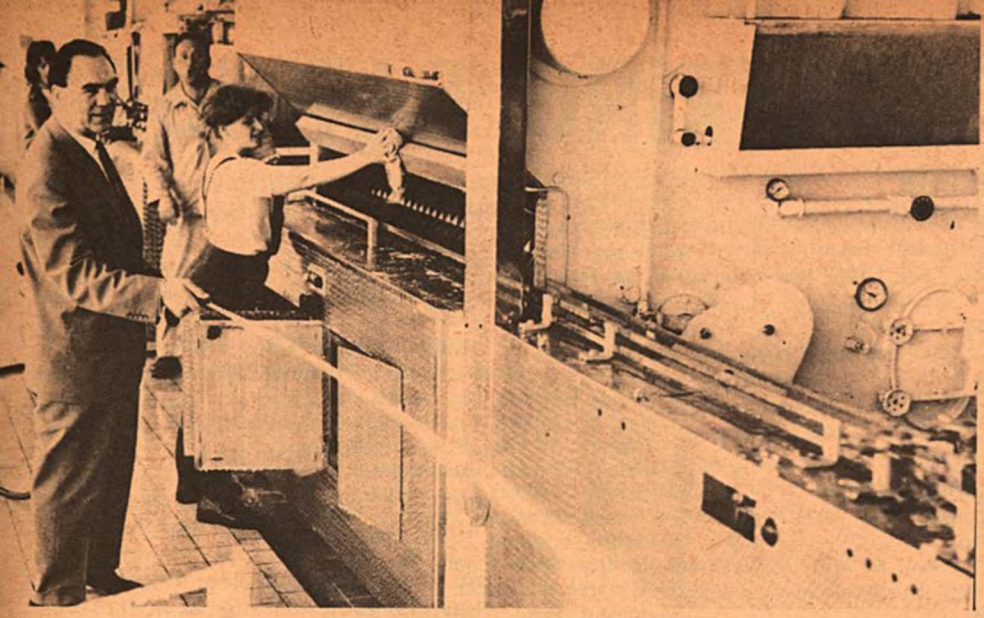

Former world heavyweight champion Max Schmeling, now a successful businessman with the Coca-Cola company in Germany, helps his employees clean the bottling equipment.

Dr. Gustav Heinemann of the SPORTLER confers the highest award a German sportsman can receive, on Schmeling, on September 29, 1970.

SCHMELING, AT 70, IS MILLIONAIRE

By JACK A. TREE

HAMBURG, GERMANY — Millionaire Max Schmeling, who won the world heavyweight crown in 1930, was 70 on September 28th. Born in 1905, Schmelings' name is a household word in this country, and he is without a doubt Germany's most popular sportsman of all time.

Max married film star, Anny Ondra, in 1933, and they have been together now for forty-five years.

Schmeling's father was a Hamburg seaman with the American/Hamburg Line. He died in 1936 without enjoying his son's success in boxing.

Max had his first professional bout on August 2nd, 1924, at Dusseldorf, where he beat Czapp, KO6, and collected a purse of DM 80. Max later joined up the manager Max Machon, and the latter gave Schmeling DM 50 each month out of his own pocket.

This was a good investment in a man who later went on to win the heavyweight title of the world. In 1926 Schmeling beat German light heavyweight champion, Max Diekmann, receiving a purse of DM1500.

Beating Fernard Delarge to win the European title, Schmeling collected DM 35,000. The German heavyweight crown Max won beating Franz Diener on April 4th, 1928.

Max paid his own fare to America in 1928 in search of fights, but he had to wait six months before the first came along. He met Joe Monte at the Long Island arena, and kayoed him in eight rounds to pick up $1,000, with a crowd of 20,000 in the

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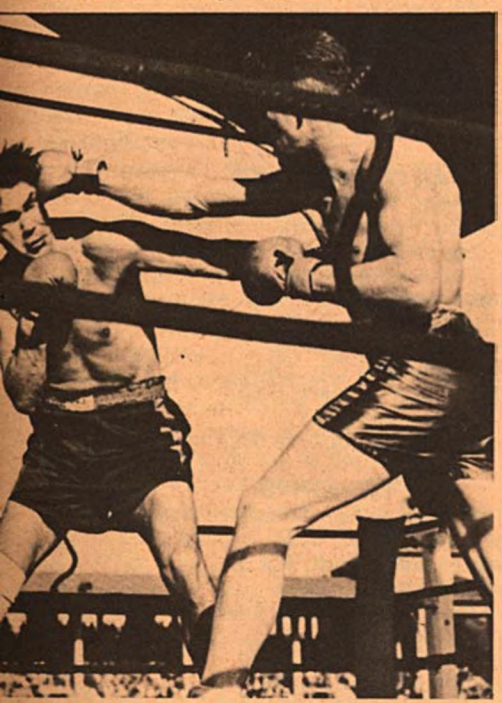

On September 28, 1947, Schmeling (left) returned to the ring after an absence of eight years, to hammer out a 7th round KO against Verner Vollmer, in Frankfurt.

Max and his wife, Anny, celebrate the pugilist's 50th birthday in their Hamburg home.

UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*George Foreman, Hayward, Calif.
1—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
2—Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
5—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
6—Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J.
7—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
8—Pedro Lovell, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Randy Neumann, Cliffside Park, N.J.
10—Larry Holmes, Scranton, Pa.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
1—Richie Kates, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Tom Bethea, New York, N.Y.
3—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, N.Y.
4—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
5—Jessie Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Bob Foster, Albuquerque, N.M.
7—Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.
8—Chris Elliott, Paterson, N.J.
9—Johnny Baldwin, Houston, Texas
10—Mike Quarry, Orlando, Fla.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
1—Vito Antuofermo, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
3—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
8—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
9—Rico Hoye, Detroit, Mich.
10—Eugene Hart, Philadelphia, Pa.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Mike Baker, Spartanburg, S.C.
1—Perry Abner, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City, Okla.
3—Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass.
4—James Marshall, San Francisco, Calif.
5—Mike Colbert. Portland. Ore.
6—Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico
7—Pete Ranzany, Sacramento, Calif.
8—Ike Shipman, Denver, Colo.
9—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
10—Rocky DeFazio, Chicago, Ill.

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
3—Nick Ortiz, Puerto Rico
4—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
5—Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
6—Carlos Palomino, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Kevin Morgan, Las Vegas, Nev.
8—Wilfredo Benitez, Puerto Rico
9—Larry Bonds, Denver, Colo.
10—Alfonso Haymon, Philadelphia, Pa.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Adolph Viruet, New York, N.Y.
1—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Lou Bizzarro, Erie, Pa.
3—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
4—Jimmy Heair, San Diego, Calif.
5—Rudy Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Tim Walker, Washington, D.C.
7—Benny Huertas, Puerto Rico
8—Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
9—Dale Hernandez, Omaha, Nebr.
10—Saoul Mamby, Puerto Rico

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
1—Angel Mayoral, Las Vegas, Nev.
2—Hector Medina, Puerto Rico
3—Frankie Benitez, Puerto Rico
4—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
7—John Copeland, Springfield, Mo.
8—Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
9—George Anderson, St. Paul, Minn.
10—Mike Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
1—Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
2—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
3—Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, Calif.
4—Ben Ortiz, Puerto Rico
5—Ronnie McGarvey, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
6—Walter Seeley, Sayville, N.Y.
7—Norman Goins, Indianapolis, Ind.
8—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
9—Ruby Ortiz, New York, N.Y.
10—Dom Monaco, Brooklyn, N.Y.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
*Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
2—Kenny Weldron, Houston, Texas
3—Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Jimmy Lopez, Salem, N.H.
6—James Busceme, Beaumont, Texas
7—Gary Ferrari, Seattle, Wash.
8—Sergio Ayala, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Alfonso Evans, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
1—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
2—Raul Rosette, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico
5—Joe Guevara, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Bobby Lee Hunter, Denver, Colo.
7—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
8—Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
10—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.

FLYWEIGHTS
*Tony Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
1—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
3—Willie Jenson, Las Vegas, Nev.
4—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Mel Johnson, Clovis, N.M.
6—Alfonso Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Victor Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
8—Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas
9—Erasmo Flores, San Antonio, Texas
10—Paul Kalli, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Champion

ALI'S VICTORY OVER FRAZIER IN 14, ONE OF ALL TIME GREATS

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ager, signalled to the referee that Frazier had had enough.

After an examination of Frazier's face and general condition, Referee Padillo, Jr., agreed and signified that the bout was over.

The bout was one of the most hard fought, exciting and punishing battles to have graced any ring. Usually return fights do not live up to their forecasts and are something less than scintillating. But the meeting between Ali and Frazier will certainly go into The Ring Record Book as one of the best all-around heavyweight title fights of all time. No. 3 was TOPS!

Using the 5 must system, in which the winner of a round gets 5 points and the loser from four to 1, the officials tabbed the fight up to the end thus:

Referee Carlos Padilla, Jr., had it 66- to 60, and in rounds, 8-4, and 2 even for Ali, judge Alfredo Quazon had it 67-62 in points, and in rounds gave it to Ali, 8-3, with 3 even. The other judge, Larry Nagayad, gave it to Ali on points 66 to 62, and in rounds, 8-4, and 2 even. All the officials were from the Philippines.

The writer had it 8-6 in rounds for Ali. In passing it might be added that he does not believe that in a championship contest any round should be even.

Ali weighed 224½ pounds to Frazier's 214½, and the champ's age of 33 to Frazier's 31 didn't have any bearing. Taller, Ali 6' 3" to Frazier's 5' 11½", did play a part. The fight proved the old addage, "A good big man can beat a good small man." This is what occurred.

Frazier now has a record of 32 wins and three losses, those including two to Ali and one to George Foreman.

Ali's record of 49-2 shows losses only to Ken Norton and Joe Frazier, both first bouts.

The knockout will go into the Record Book as a round fourteen event since the bell had not rung for round fifteen.

Asked about the fight after hostilities had ceased, Angelo Dundee, trainer for Ali, stated, "My man's victory was due to condition. My guy is durable—he can suck up punishment and come right back."

Eddie Futch, Frazier's manager, said, "I thought the fight should be stopped because he (Frazier) was being belted with too many clean shots—he was blind in his right eye and couldn't see Ali's left hand coming at him. I felt," he added, "That Joe was going to pieces, was worn down after two bad rounds."

Futch should be given a medal for humanity's sake.

Despite Ali's assertion immediately after the fight that he was too exhausted to give interviews, he recanted and gave Frazier a kudo. Asked if he was thinking of retirement, he replied, "I may retire, but it's too early for any final decisions at this time. It could be all for Ali."

On the subject of Frazier he had this to say, "No other man tonight could have beaten Joe—except for me he is the toughest man in the world."

The thought around the Ali Camp is that he will not retire. He may give Ken Norton another crack at this title, and would like to have Norton fight George Foreman with the winner meeting him.

He still has a few good fights left, and let's not forget the money involved.

Although Ali should have sufficient to call it a day, both "his people" and Don King, promoter of the extravaganze in Manila, would like to see him carry on for a while longer. This pressure will help the champ make up his mind.

What about Joe Frazier? "I'm beat after tonight's fight and am in no condition to think of the future. I need time to think, but I don't believe I'm all through. Ask me later—another time. I'm not sure right now," said Joe.

Why is the money situation the large incentive it is for both Ali and Frazier to continue? Have a long look at their take home pay.

Ali was guaranteed 4.4 million or 43% of everything, and Frazier was to get 2.2 million or 23% of the total income. Incentive enough!

On the under-card heavyweight Larry Holmes, Scranton, Pa., halted Rodney Bobick, Bowlus, Minn., at 2.47 of the 6th round of their 10 round contest.

NO SIGN OF SUCCESSOR TO PROMOTER HANOVER

By ED SCULLEN

Washington, D.C. — While all of boxing awaits the countdown to Manila, the fight game locally remains a question mark. This has been the state of affairs since the death of the area's top promoter, Eli Hanover, in late Auguts.

Hanover, was the sole promoter at the Capital Centre Arena in Largo, Md. Since Hanover's death, Centre officials have hedged about finding a replacement.

Reliable sources say there are plenty of qualified applicants, but all are lacking in finances. The names thrown about most frequently are veteran Baltimore ringman Eddie Hrica and Hanover's 26-year-old son Larry.

Another source claims that the new promoter will be prominent, well-off fight figure from out of town. In the meantime there are no fight shows or signs of an announcement from the arena's officials.

Meanwhile, Washington's newly appointed head of the Athletic Commission, Yorke Van Nixon, stated recently that a New York group hopes to run fight shows on a monthly basis at the Armory to coincide with the Bicentennial in '76.

According to Van Nixon, 12 shows will be presented beginning in January. Preliminary plans call for at least one show to be a large outdoor production.

Two local fighters recently returned from out-of-town encounters with mixed results. U.S. junior middleweight champion Mike Baker easily decisioned Gary Bailey in a Portland, Me. 10-rounder, but come-backing Ralph Palladin could only earn a draw over ten rounds against Frankie Kolovart in Scranton, Pa.

LLOYD OUT OF CAMPHOR EASY TOUCH FOR O'SHEA

By GEORGE L. BLAIR

St. Louis Park, Minn. — The boxing show put on at the Hippogriff night club by promoter Jack Reshetar was very short as the three bouts produced less than seven complete rounds of boxing. The crowd was small due to the fact that one half of the scheduled double main event suffered a substitution of injured St. Paul welter Gary Holmgren against Rory O'Shea and may have had an effect on the crowd size.

In one half of the double main Rory O'Shea, 150, Minneapolis, easily knocked out Columbus Lloyd, 145, Indianapolis, at 2:40 of the first round. O'Shea floored Lloyd three times in the first round as Lloyd was no competition at all. It was the first match for Lloyd in five years. The win brings the O'Shea record to 25-4-1, while Lloyd is 5-6-1.

In the second main event George Anderson, 137, St. Paul, upped his record to 11-1-1 when he knocked out veteran Marion Thomas, 139, Indianapolis, at :35 of the fifth round.

Anderson looked very professional as he kept the shorter Thomas off balance with a fast left jab while picking his openings for his rights. Anderson caught Thomas on the ropes in the fourth round and belabored him with a volley of punches. It was obvious then that the end was near. In the fifth a left hook followed by a sharp right to the jaw put Marion away. The ledger on Thomas is now 30-13-1.

Rick Folstad, 139, Minneapolis (3-0-0) looked real classy as he knocked out Billy Nichols, 141 Minneapolis (0-3-0) in the first round.

▶**Columbus, O.** — Mike Monette of St. Paul won the 100 pound class championship of the Junior National Athletic Union tournament. Monette is trained by St. Paul's Emmett Yanez, and the talented kid has a bright future in boxing.

NAVARETTE DISPOSES OF MIFUNA GO IN MANILA

By FELIPE J. GALANG

Manila — Rolando Navarette, Philippine bantamweight champion, kayoed Japanese Mifuha Go, 118, was no match for the 18-year-old Filipino, who downed him in one minute and 45 seconds in the second round.

The Filipino downed his rival three times in the 2nd forcing the referee Larry Nadayad to stop the fight. The promotion was held at Rizal Coliseum.

Andy Balaba, 112, halted Franco Torregosa, 112, in 57 seconds of the 5th in a scheduled 10 rounder.

Oscar Barola, 125, badly outpointed Pepe Arcillas, 124, in 10 rounds. Frisco Montemayor, 145, and Dommy Cotacte, 147, drew in 10.

Neptali Alamag, 119, kayoed Nono Ignacio, 119, in second round. Ben Estallao, 121, won over Johnny Sato, 121, in 8 rounds.

▲Tony Juamo-as, 135, lightweight champion of the Philippines drew with Fred Pator, 135, when they collided in the second round inflicting a deep wound in the forehead. Inspected by the GAB physician Dr. Romeo Bandoquilo, who decided that Fred will take unnecessary punsihment if the bout continued at the Cebu Coliseum, Cebu.

▲Celso Esmaro, 132, kin of Flash Elorde, made an impressive debut in his TV boxing career by knocking out Barry de Los Reyes, 135, in the first round.

Young Francis, 120, won a split decision over Eracho Jr., 119, in 10 rounds. The £200 cash donated by Lope Sarreal Jr. was divided by Frankie and Eracho, who were elected as the best fight of the evening. Jonathan Angel, 112, decisioned Armin Landio, 111, in 4 rounds.

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What do you men on the staff of the Ring think of a situation in which the biggest fight in years, rightfully headed for the Garden, is shunted off to Manila? It is a laugh. The third Ali-Frazier affair, long awaited and long steamed up, going to the Philippines. Why Manila? What do Manila and the Philippines expect to get out of this fight? It cannot hope to make money out of it and it cannot hope to increase tourism. It is just a thing to make the fans take their minds off of their troubles.

Well, one day the farce will come to an end and Ali will retire to his estate and his millions. I don't blame the Ring. I blame the Garden. It sure has gone to pieces.

Albert John Crosby
Los Angeles, Cal.

HE HAS A BEEF

I am a boxer and I have a beef. I do not like a right hander to switch to lefty in the middle of a fight. Or a southpaw to change to a rightie. Make a fighter register one way or the other and force him to stick to his registered style.

Luke Storm
San Francisco, Cal.

WANTS TO SEE MORE OF JACK AND GENE

Frankly, I am a hero worshipper. I am daffy about great fighters, especially the heavyweights. I have a high regard for Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney. But the trouble with them is that they appear in public so seldom. Tunney in particular. Jack is handicapped by severe arthritis. Dempsey and Tunney do not appear even in the Garden ring at big fights and some fans say they are stuck up. This is not true, I know. Can you do anything about getting these heroes into the open?

Connie Colerain
Trenton, N.J.

Editor's Note — No!

THE INTENTIONAL BUTT

I watch fights a lot and do not like what I see. There is a lot of intentional butting. The result is a lot of head wounds and face cuts. I blame the referees for letting the fighters get away with foul punching of every kind. The fighters who make an eye cut and then concentrate on it disgust me with their lack of sportsmanship. We are moving to a state of affairs like we have in wrestling. Stop foul fighting, referees, and don't be afraid of losing your jobs.

Willie Cropsey
St. Paul, Minn.

ALI AND HIS RIOT

I was having luncheon at the Four Seasons in New York the day King had his Frazier press conference there. Just as the conference was about to get under way, Muhammad invaded the place, accompanied by some ten screaming characters. It was disgraceful. This man Ali just cannot stand by while somebody else has the spotlight. Somewhere there is a lack of balance. I am sure that the Four Seasons will not again seek the patronage of anything that has to do with boxers.

William George Crane
New York City

GIVE GOLDEN GLOVERS MORE ATTENTION

Look back into the histories of some of the great young fighters and you will find that they have Golden Gloves histories. Madison Square Garden should promote a weekly card of fights for Golden Glovers. In this part of the U.S. the AAU is remiss in the development of young boxers. Let the Golden Gloves men push their end of the game more forcibly. A Golden Gloves Night in the Forum every two weeks would do a lot for the rising generation of scrappers. Get going, Garden, and pay more attention to the Glovers.

Willie Washington
Brooklyn, NYC

WHAT'S IN IT FOR FIGHTERS?

Time was when a fighter was a fighter. He made a living out of fighting. Now every fighter has another trade or profession. It's tough to make a living even at two trades. By the time he pays his gym fees and his taxes, and gives his manager his thirty three percent, what is left for the boxer? The incentive to stay in the game is lacking and the next thing you know, you learn that Joe Dokes has retired. I say that the fighters are too dumb to get together for their own good. Every once in a while there is a movement to build a home for retired, aged and ill fighters. But the boxers will not give up a dime for their own futures. Fighters should support a bureau for making matches for the fighters — places that would furnish them with work.

Perry Ginter
London, England

KING FIGHTING DUAL TITLES

I am glad that Don King, the promotion wizard, is fighting dual titles. He insists that the WBA and the WBC are doing a lot of harm to boxing and will do all he can to do away with the double championship system. The situation is worse than ever, what with Velazquez of the WBC being tougher than ever. As for the WBA, they too are guilty of hurting boxing. The fans are helpless in this dilemma and I do not know how it is to be wiped out. The various commissions do not help.

Harry Feldman
San Francisco, Cal.

16 FOOT RINGS

I have occasion to do a lot of travelling around the U.S. and being a fight nut, I go to a lot of scraps. I find many small rings—16 footers. There is no reason for cutting down to 16 feet unless it is to make room for more top price seats. A 20 footer gives fighters plenty of room to maneuver and to use their talents to their best advantage. If we had a Federal fight boss we would not have any 16 foot rings.

Fred Folger
Washington, D.C.

OUTRAGED BY CHACON INCIDENT

I am amazed that Ring has not cut loose with its heaviest guns concerning the Bobby Chacon incident. Doubtless you have been flooded with letters concerning this rotten affair. Weakened by being forced to reduce 16 pounds in ten days to make the featherweight limit, Chacon was totally unfit to defend the WBC version of the class title and virtually collapsed coming through the ropes

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GHANA'S "POISON" KOTEY TAKES TITLE FROM OLIVARES

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Kotey made 126 exactly on his second try. He is 38-1-1. Olivares made 126 on his first try.

Kotey had agreed to make his first defense at the Forum, probably in February, against either Danny Lopez or Art Hafey.

In two scheduled 10-rounders, Lupe Pinto, 113, KO'd Willie Jensen, 113, at 58 seconds of the seventh, and Carlos Zarate, 119, KO'd Benecio Sosa, 119, in the fourth. Pinto (12-0) and Zarate (35-0 with 34 KO's) remained unbeaten.

Delfino Rodriguez, 129¼, scored a four-round decision over Miguel Mesa, 131.

Gross gate was announced as $85,000, considerably less than expected.

CERVANTES WARMS UP FOR THOMPSON; STOPS KAZAMA

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a stablemate of Escalera. Arnal scored his tenth in a row, ninth via a KO with this ninth round knockout.

A crowd of 15,000 saw the all-star card put on by Japanese promoter Saburo Arashida at the Caracas Poliedro.

BLACKMOORE WINS GUYANA'S LT.WT. TITLE

By ALLAN MANN

Gkown, Guyana — In a lightweight title fight, champion Len Blackmoore, 134½, erased all doubts as to who was the better fighter, by administering a thorough drubbing to Terry "Tiger" Greene, 132½, over fifteen emotionally charged, action packed rounds.

Off to a fast start by winning three of the first five rounds, Greene, strong, two fisted and nimble, took the fight to the champion, slipping inside and under jabs and right crosses to score handily to the head and body, but with one minute gone into round seven, Blackmoore opened a gash under Greene's left eyebrow and from here on it was all downhill for the challenger. He seemed to lose timing, rythm and confidence. The eye bled for the remainder of the fight.

At the end of round fifteen with the fighters slugging it out toe to toe, the crowd of about 4,000 rose to cheer.

Vernon Lewis, 148½, stopped "Bolo" Alexander, 146½, on cuts at one minute thirty-five seconds of third in a welterweight semi-final.

Roy Smith, 135½, outpointed Sam Marcus, 128¾, over four fast rounds.

BAKERSFIELD BREAKS INTO BOXING INTEREST

By JOHN RYAN

Bakersfield, Cal. — Ruben Castillo, Bakersfield featherweight scrapper, recently annexed his sixth consecutive victory, scoring over Yuma Duran, at Tecate, Mexico. He has now been booked for Las Vegas appearances, under the promotional aegis of Bill Miller, at the 'Silver Slipper'.

Gonzalo Montellano, Jr. copped the 'Diamond Belt' 130-pound diadem, in Los Angeles. A Kern County native, he has been 'mixing it' for seven years. He is trained by his father. Plans call for a possible professional career real soon.

Pete Constincio, managed by capable Zeke Noreiga, has been looking real good in recent appearances at the 'Olympic Auditorium', Los Angeles. He annexed the '75 LA Golden Gloves lightweight crown before becoming a paid performer.

Paul Munoz has been real busy, of late, handling fighters at the weekly Olympic Auditorium cards, in Los Angeles. He is a most versatile corner man. Two featherweights, Juan Lopez and Ignacio Bravo, always have the benefit of his corner tactics.

The 'Taft Midway Driller' has been running a series of articles on famous fights held yesteryear, when the westside Kern County city was a real boxinb hub.

The most recent one featured the career of Tod Faulkner, better known to ring buffs as 'Kid Mexico.'

Bakersfield jeweler Harold Cox, is still active as a manager. However, he has been basing most of his crew at San Diego.

Don Koontz, onetime heavyweight fighter, keeps his interest in things fistic, by handling most of the recent closed circuit shows. He utilizes both Bakersfield 'Civic Auditorium' and the close by 'Kern County Fairgrounds.'

Up Fresno way, Peter Rokas is making sounds that appear to signify boxing may once again be staged in the 'Raisin City.' The location 'Selland Arena.'

FARCICAL FIGHTS RUIN SHOW AT PUERTO RICO

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

San Juan, Roberto Clemente Coliseum — Highly ranked junior lightweight Samuel Serrano scored a TKO in 0:29 of the second round over Harmid Toscy of Turkey. Pint-sized Toscy tossed caution to the wind as he went after his rival with reckless abandon. The will was there but nothing else. He had no power, no precision, no reach. The referee called a halt to this travesty, when a sharp Serrano hook opened up a cut over Toscy's right eye.

Equally inept Marcelino Alicea, 142, was massacred by Wilfredo Benitez, 140, in a copy of the main event. A cut eye in the second round was again the cause of the end of this one.

Bantam Francisco Villegas and his Dominican rival Leo Cruz saved the show with their ten round encounter. Cruz, who is a brother of the late ex-lightweight title holder Teo Cruz, pulled an upset by taking this one. Cruz won in the second and third rounds by dropping his rival. Although Villegas recuperated somewhat in the latter rounds, Cruz landed the more effective wallops throughout to garner a clear-cut verdict.

In six rounds Junior Welter Felix Pagan Pintor outpointed Dominican Juan Berbere.

GUISSEPPI STOPS DRAYTON IN TRINIDAD 135 TITLE

By GEORGE C. BECKLER

Port of Spain, Trinidad W.I. — There are two defects in our local boxing that need to be corrected. One is that 98 percent of the people who participate are amateurs. Very few are professionals.

And the second is match-making needs to be corrected before we have a disastrous ending at one of our poorly matched bouts. However you will appreciate the fact that the show must go on.

A small crowd saw Fitzroy Guisseppi, 135, 5th ranked lightweight in the British Commonwealth become the new lightweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago, when Michael Drayton, 133½, failed to answer the bell for the 14th round.

Sterling Benjamin, 198, won by TKO over Clinton Baker, 200, in 1 minute 1 second of the first round. Oneil Cox, 160, won a unanimous decision over Winston Granger, 154, 6 rounds.

Lincoln Paul, 147, outpointed Enoch Waldron, 145½, 8 rounds.

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TONY GIRGINOFF-NEW ENGLAND PROSPECT

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pugilists had weight and 10 years on Tony.

To date, Tony has had four pro fights. Following his February 18, 1975, match with George Gosselin, who he knocked out in five rounds, Tony went on to defeat welterweight Doug Romano in 4 rounds at Boston's plush Harvard Club on March 25, welterweight southpaw Charley Coleman in 6 rounds on April 10th, and veteran Jose Ortiz in 4 rounds on April 14th, at the Boston Arena.

PETRONELLI AND DENIS NEW ENGLAND WINNERS

By DON HAMILL

Boston, Mass. — Professional boxing in New England has had its troubles getting off the ground for the fall season. Sam Silverman has managed to put together shows in New Bedford, Mass. and Portland, Me. The only other show was staged by Jimmy Gagnon in Lewiston. Although there are gala presentations on tap in conjunction with the upcoming closed circuit televising of the third Muhammed Ali-Joe Frazier fight in the Philippines, the over-all prospect is poor.

In Boston, Marvin Hagler, Brockton, meets LaMont Lovelady, Des Moines, Ia., in a battle between former National A.A.U. champions; in Hartford Tony Licata, New Orleans, defends his North American middleweight title against Matt Donovan, Trinidad; and in Providence, John (Dino) Denis, Attleboro, tangles with Joe Roman, New York.

►**New Bedford** — John (Dino) Denis, 205, Attleboro, continued his unbeaten ways with an easy TKO over Walker Smith, 200, Winston-Salem, N.C., in the fourth round. From the start Denis was able to hit the 34-year-old veteran at will. Smith was unable to make it a contest and was a bleeding hulk when the bout was stopped.

The show was shortened by the disappearance of localite Jerry Huston, Jr., who failed to put in an appearance against Bobby Walker. About 1000 people requested refunds.

Danny O'Malley, 190, Quincy, turned pro with a six round unanimous decision over Eddie Casey, 216, New Bedford. Joe DeFayette, 135, Taunton, was hard pressed getting a very close split decision in six rounds over Dick Ecklund, 139, Lowell, who was turning pro. Tony Lopes, 142, Brockton, garnered a clear cut six round duke over Zohdi-Zohdi, 150, Syria by way of Boston.

►**Portland** — Tony Petronelli, 144, East Bridgewater, won a ten round unanimous decision over Jose Carabello, 146, Hartford, in a pleasing bout. Petronelli racked up points with a nifty left jab and occasional left hook. He was pressed by Carabello all through the fight.

Joe DeFayette, 142, Taunton, outhustled Reynaldo Burgos, 135, Hartford, to earn a unanimous six round decision in the semi-final. Tony Lopes, 148, Brockton, repeated his week-old victory over Zohdi-Zohdi, 152, Syria and Boston, in six heats. Rickie Wynn, 210, Norton, stopped Ron Bagaree, 215, Clinton, in the second round of another six spot. Bob Asack, 169, Brockton, edged Steve Lampron, 162, Westbrook, in the four spot to eke out a split decision. It marked the pro debut of both. A four rounder opened the show.

►**Lewiston Armory** — Jimmy Lopez, 130, Salem, N.H., vacated his New England featherweight title and laid claim to the sectional junior lightweight championship when he stopped Frank Maldonado, 130, Lawrence, in the fourth round. Lopez, a good fighter, battered his hapless foe so that the latter did not come out for the fourth session.

Tommy Rose, 131, Sherborn and a student at St. Francis College in Biddeford, kept his unbeaten streak alive by halting Marvin Jones, 126, New York, in the third stanza of the scheduled eight round semi-final. One amateur bout rounded out the card.

►**Portland** — Mike Baker, 155½, Spartanburg, S.C., and Gary Bailey, 155, New York, put on a pleasing ten round contest with Baker obtaining a well earned unanimous decision. Baker piled up points while the wily Bailey appeared too content to remain on the defensive and proved to be a difficult target. Baker's jabs had Bailey's eye puffed and closing by the end of the scrap.

The show was stolen by the eight round semi-final which saw Bobby Richard, Portland, and Joe DeFayette, Taunton, slug it out in a sizzler. Both weighed 140 lbs. Richard, in better shape than in their first encounter, received the unanimous decision. Roberto Medina, 158, Easton, rallied in the final rounds of his six rounder to cop a unanimous duke over Johnny Lopez, 152, New York. Roberto Olivares, 170, Wareham, hit too hard for Zohdi-Zohdi, 162, Boston, and stopped him in the third round of the four round opener.

Paul Roche, whose son, Pepper, runs the McDonough Gym, has purchased the contract on Kevin Dorian, South Boston junior-welterweight. . . Atty. F. Mac Buckley, who managed the pro career of Hartford's Donnie Nelson, who was gunned down in that city, has named his club, the Nelson Memorial Boxing Club. He has taken over the management of Luis Davila, 20-year-old Puerto Rican who was somewhat of an amateur sensation who has just arrived in the States. . . .Herman Greenberg, former chairman of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission, was fatally stricken with a heart attack in Montreal where he was vacationing with his wife. Herman was a brilliant man; he headed all of the labor unions in the Connecticut River Valley of Massachusetts with less than a high school education. He was a personal friend and will be sadly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and family.

SULLIVAN OVER BUCKSKIN IN NORTHWEST BATTLE

By RUGGLES LARSON

Lacey, Washington — John L. Sullivan, 155, Olympia, Wa., gained a unanimous ten round decision over Roger Buckskin, 157, Cresent City, Ca. Sullivan scored the only knockdown of the fight in the tenth and final round.

Bob Jarvis, 172½, Seattle, decisioned Al Neumann, 181, Renton, Wa., in the six round semi-final bout. Steve Tohill, 160, Vancouver, B.C., KO'ed Steve Barrett, 168, Portland, Ore., and Doug Troyer, 193, Seattle, stopped Larry High, 222, Bremerton, Wa. Tohill and Troyer's wins came in the first rounds. The Olympia Boxing Club's promotion drew about eight hundred fans.

Davey Armstrong of Puyallup, Wa., will represent the USA in the upcoming Pan American Games. Armstrong beat Howard Davis of NYC in the title round of the Pan Am Trials at Madison, Wisc. Another Pacific Northwesterner, Tommy Sullivan of Portland, Ore. earned a spot on the U.S. team by beating Tommy Brooks of Tacoma. Tacoma's Leo Randolph dropped an unpopular split-decision to Richard Rozelle of Columbus, Ohio, in the 112 pound finals.

Boone Kirkman, 214, Renton, Wa., dropped a nationally televised decision fight to Randy Neumann of Cliffside, N.J., at Las Vegas. Three weeks earlier, Ray Seales of Tacoma lost a nationally televised bout to Ed "Sugar" Hart in a middleweight contest.

KICK BOXING FILLS OUT MIAMI BEACH SCHEDULE

By HANK KAPLAN

Miami Beach, Florida — In a scheduled ten rounder main-event at the Miami Beach Convention Hall, Juan Hidalgo, 134¾, Santo Domingo, used all his boxing skills to dominate the fight against Rocky Orengo, 136¾, Puerto Rico and stopped his opponent in the 7th round.

Winner of 12 straight professional bouts, Hidalgo demonstrated a boxing science beyond his experience. Juan stunned his opponent in the 6th and 7th rounds.

After buckling Orengo in the 7th round, teenage Hidalgo poured the leather on in rapid fashion to prompt referee Cy Gottfried to halt the action. Hidalgo had Orengo's nose trickling blood at the end.

Fighting all his pro bouts in this city, Hidalgo, kid brother of Dario Hidalgo, former welterweight contender, looks like a prime prospect to Miami Beach fans.

In a scheduled eight rounder, Oliver Wright, 202, Kingston, Jamaica, pressed Tommy Howard for 5½ rounds before referee Eddie Eckert stopped the proceedings. Howard, weighing 200 on the nose and hailing from Gainesville, Florida proved elusive with no visible offense.

Experimenting, Promoter Chris Dundee filled in the balance of the card with three bouts of karate and kick boxing. An additional bit of entertainment featured Vinnie Curto and Vernon McIntosh in a three round exhibition rounding out a conglomerate of ring action which had a little bit for everybody.

Boxing activity has been lean over the hot summer months but Chris Dundee is readying for a busy tourist season ahead.

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EDITORIAL

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living.

Jim Corbett retired into acting, Jim Jeffries retired to a ranch, Rocky Marciano wound up with about $300,000 in investments after having taken a lot of bad investment advice from friends.

Thus we find that there is no precedent for Muhammad Ali, the richest fighter of all time, to go into the business of promoting fights alone, or as Don King's partner.

CARLOS ZARATE STOPPED JOSE SANCHEZ, 3.

By EDUARDO AMER G.

Ciudad Juarez — Eliseo Cosme, 117, TKO'ed Jose Alfredo Murillo Medel, 116, to win National bantamweight title. Leoncio Ortiz, 134, TKO'ed Octavio Amaparan 134, in 11. Roberto "Kid" Ruvaldino, 118, KO'ed Tarcisio Gomez, 119, in six. Raul Valdez, 112, TKO'ed Manny Lopez, 111, in 3.

▶**Mexico** — Jose Palacios, 146, TKO'ed Ernesto Caballero, 145, in five. Lupe Galindo, 134, stopped Juan Manuel Arroyo, 133, in 7. Alfredo Nunez, 135, KO'ed Ramiro Garcia, 134, in two.

▶**Mexico** — Carlos Zarate, 118, TKO'ed Jose Sanchez, 118, in 3. Jose Torres, 125, TKO'ed Saul Montana, 125, in 3. Andres Hernandez, 146, TKO'ed Lorenzo Alarcon, 145, in 8. Jorge Morales, 124, iced Arturo Sanchez, 124, in 1. Antonio Rojas, 116, beat Raul Rico, 117, in four.

▶**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Alonso Rojas, 135, of Costa Rica, decisioned Clemente Sanchez, 136, in 10 bitter rounds. Klever Viteri, 117, of Ecuador, TKO'ed Fer Fernandez, 119, in nine. Ramiro "Clay" Bolanos, 129, of Ecuador, TKO'ed Cornelio "Memin" Vega, 130, in 3. Mario Roman, 134, KO'ed Juan Manuel Ursua, 134, in 2. Silvino Vazquez, 117, demolished Enrique Muniz, 117, in 1.

▶**Los Mochis, Sinaloa** — Jose Luis Soto, 119, halted Magallo Lozada, 118, in two.

▶**Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas** — "Tauro" Hernandez, 119, and Miguel Angel Areas, 117, drew in ten. Jose Luis Luna, 111, KO'ed Rodolfo Gonzalez, 112, in 3.

▶**Campeche** — Silvio Aguilar, 119, bested Manuel "Melin" Castinllo, 118, in ten. Luis Alberto "Memin" Flores, 111, TKO'ed "Puas" Pino, 113, in 5.

▶**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Pedro Alberto Dominguez, 138, TKO'ed Alvaro Parra, 135, in 2. Carlos "Memin" Guzman, 149, TKO'ed Ramon Martinez, 151, in 7. Juan Hernandez, 134, polished off Gaudencio Morales, 135, in one.

▶**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Chucho Plata, 134, embalmed Hector "Toluco" Munoz, 134, in 8. Enrique Guerra, 127, nailed Gustavo Martinez, 126, in 7.

▶**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — "Tocho" Gomez, 189, TKO'ed "Negro" Perez, 190, in 7. Azael Gutierrez, 191, TKO'ed Memo Vargas, 190, in Nacho Villa, 188, and Fernando Montes, 190, drew in ten.

▶**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Gamaliel de la Rosa, 135, KO'ed Luis Torres, 134, in 3. Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 125, TKO'ed Antonio Gloria, 125, in 9. Abel Vargas, 113, stopped Efren Manzanares, 111, in 3.

▶**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Jose Angel "Toro" Medina, 134, TKO'ed Panchito Martinez, 133, in 3.

▶**Campeche** — Adolfo Sanjeado, 136, halted Juan "Zurdo" Rodriguez, 133, in 2. Guillermo Mis, 111, lost to Antonio Morales, 112, in 8.

▶**Tijuana, Baja California** — Manuel Abedoy, 117, TKO'ed Victor Rios, 117, in 5. Jesus "Chamaco" Reyes, 123, TKO'ed Jose Pozos, 124, in 3.

▶**La Paz, Baja California** — Betillo Gonzalez, 124, won from "Canelo" Salinas, 125, in ten. Roberto "Indio" Toxtle, 120, won by a technical decision over Juan Sarmiento, 121, in one.

▶**Veracruz** — Eloy "Zorrita" Yepez, 124, KO'ed Mario Ramos, 125, in four.

▶**Piedras Negras, Coahuila** — Manuel Elizondo, 157, destroyed Alex Olguin, 156, to retain Mexican middleweight title in 3. Mario Castro, 112, TKO'ed Julio "Ringo" Romero, 113, in three.

▶**Tijuana, Baja California** — Ernesto Garfias, 124, TKO'ed Rafael Buzzani, 124, in 6. Antonio "Zurdo" Fuentes, 117, TKO'ed Jorge "Albanil" Valenzuela, 117, in 7. Abraham Perez, 143, bombed Miguel Morales, 144, in 2.

▶**Campeche** — Francisco Acosta, 120, TKO'ed Jose Luis "Zurdo" Salazar, 118, in five.

▶**Culiacan, Sinaloa** — Jose Luis Soberanes, 134, KO'ed Clemente Mucino, 135, in 3. Juan Pablo Oropeza, 134, stopped Victor "Barretas" Fernandez, 134, in five.

▶**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Manuel Barreto, 119, knocked out Jesus Alfaro, 120, in two.

▶**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Emilio "Zurdo" Palacios, 117, TKO'ed Fidel Cruz, 118, in five. Cenobio Nicolas, 125, KO'ed Gerardo Flores, 124, in 8. Victor Hugo Aguirre, 116, bested Benny Guajardo, 115, in 8.

▶**Veracruz** — Esteban "Gallito" Gonzalez, 116, embalmed Juan Rodriguez, 114, in 4.

▶**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Raul Campos, 124, KO'ed Jose Eleuterio Luna, 124, in 7.

▶**Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas** — Rogelio "Bufalo" Vera, 160, nailed Adolfo "Mosco" Hernandez, 162, in one.

▶**Tijuana, Baja California** — "Moro" Rodriguez, 125, TKO'ed Carlos Mimila, 125, in ten.

▶**Mexico** — Juan Alvarez, 112, decisioned Roberto Valenzuela, 112, in ten. Julio Cruz, 130, beat Sergio Cabrera, 129, in 10.

▶**Campeche** — Babe San Martin, 125, and Jaime Nava, 127, drew in 10. Jose Acosta, 112, whipped Paco Portela, 114, in six.

▶**Chetumal, Quintana Roo** — Tony Bautista, 134, TKO'ed "Monkey" Gomez, 135, in five.

▶**Torreon, Coahuila** — Sigfrido Rodriguez, 134, won over Jesus "Mortero" Alonso, 134, in 10, "Gallito" Castro, 112, outpointed Rocky Mijares, 111, to win flyweight championship of Coahuila State, in 12 rounds.

▶**Comitan, Chiapas** — Ney Gordillo, 127, KO'ed Tito Cruz, 131, in 3. Max Migeli, 124, flattened Arturo Hernandez, 125, in two. Esteban Salas, 116, TKO'ed Ruben Torres, 115, in 6.

▶**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Alejandro Flores, 124, TKO'ed Tino Nunez, 124, in 5. Juan Hernandez, 111, beat Andres Lovera, 112, in 10. Leo Cisneros, 117, TKO'ed Gonzalo Lovera, 117, in 5.

▶**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Ceferino Pacheco, 117, decisioned Francisco Javier Nunez, 117, in ten. Pablo Guzman, 132, TKO'ed Francisco Ramirez, 133, in 3.

▶**Mexico** — Herminio "Loba" Ramirez, 161, iced Rogelio "Bufalo" Vera, 159, in one. "Chamaco" Lopez, 117, TKO'ed Jose Chavez, 116, in four.

▶**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Alfredo Carranza, 124, KO'ed Rodolfo Castillo, 124, in two.

▶**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Juan Olvera, 190, bested Sabino Villaneuva, 191, to win heavyweight championship of Nuevo Leon State, in 12 rounds. Dario Escobedo, 117, TKO'ed Javier Valdez, 117, in nine.

▶**Mexico** — Victor Ramirez, 126, outscored Rafael "Bazooka" Limon, 130, in ten. Juan Elizondo, 134, TKO'ed Jupe Galindo, 135, in 6. Ruben Melendez, 123, TKO'ed Armando Cardona, 124, in 2.

▶**Tijuana, Baja California** — Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 113, and Raul Pacheco, 112, drew in ten.

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UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

TIME waits for no one. Here's 1975 going out. Little old New York has had its changes. Broadway is no longer what it was before the Jack Dempsey restaurant closing. When the Garden moved from Eighth Avenue and 49th St. to its present locale at 31st St. & 8th Avenue, it had its effect. The Dempsey story is a good one and will be told shortly after the new year gets und ay.

Pugilism carries on, even though it's been stymied by the Cassius Clay heavyweight title matches that have practically circled the globe. True, they've shown his championship bouts from the Garden and on TV throughout the country, but the days of heavyweight title bouts emanating from Madison Square Garden, which virtually had a monopoly on the fistic classics, disappeared. They could be revived.

Aside from the picture of New York not boasting of having a boxing title holder, sadder than anything else is that with the exception of the heavyweight king there's no American to be found in any of the other divisions of the Queensberry sport, with the abdication of Bob Foster as 175 pound ruler. Such has been the evolution of the game in America that had its beginning in England, which was the Cradle of Boxing.

But then, come to think of it, everything else has changed, albeit baseball continues to carry on, and football, basketball and hockey continue to do likewise. In ye olden days it was baseball and boxing, so far as little old New York was concerned. But with the advent of TV and ability to flash back results from around the world via satellite, the picture has completely undergone a great change.

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However that may all be, boxing continues not only around the U.S., especially flourishing in the Los Angeles area, but throughout Europe and in other parts of the Eastern hemisphere, in places unheard of before the Muhammad Ali started his hop, skip and jump to spots previously unheard of like Zaire, Malaysia and even taking in Manila, which of course produced some good fistic material and a great little champion in the flyweight Pancho Villa.

London had many outstanding fights in its time and still draws big when they have a local pride of note. Unfortunately they haven't too many prospects around. Joe Bugner, the Hungarian, who has been living in England, was quite a card and did manage to get a crack at Ali's crown. Their other big attraction is John Conteh, their light-heavyweight king, who is half claimant to the vacant light-heavyweight championship.

Eckard Dagge, Jr. middleweight champion of Europe, is presently training in Los Angeles.

As for Germany, ex-king Max Schmeling is more popular than ever and at 70 is a very wealthy partner in the West Germany Coca Cola Bottling Plant. Speaking of fistic doings in Germany, my friend Gunter Trautner, who vouched for Schmeling's popularity with the public, added: "things are quiet concerning the noble art of self-defense, and there isn't much going on. We have only a handful of good fighters. The best seems to be the junior middleweight champion of Europe, Eckard Dagge, from West Berlin. His German manager is Fritz Gretrochel, former pilot of Gustav Scholz. Incidentally, Dagge is in America and training in Los Angeles. Best to Nat Loubet and the other members of Ring Magazine."

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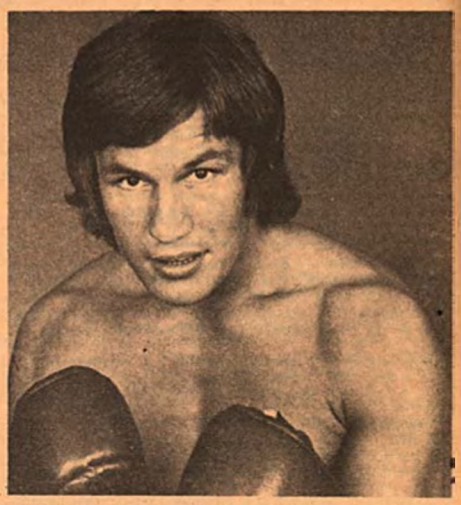
A salute to "Jo" Handley and her coworkers of the Ladies Auxiliary, International Veteran Boxers Association, on their first annual dinner and dance affair at Biase's Restaurant, 451 Bloomfield Avenue, in Newark, N.J. It was a knockout from every standpoint. Scoop Gallello was the M.C. and the small dais was made up of the honorees and former light heavyweight king Paul Berlenbach and ex-welter boss Freddie "Red" Cochrane, with ex-bantam king Lou Salica and his wife Grace at their own table. Also honored was Solly Seeman, California junior lightweight king of his era, albeit he's a New Yorker. Stan Poreda and many other former ring notables were on hand. Among them ex-NBA feather champion Phil Terranova and former boxer and now judge Emil Cal Cagni. Adrian Bailey, who runs the New Jersey Hall of Fame and has a wonderful dinner of his own yearly, this one coming off last September 28, and many former members of the cauliflower industry came to pay their respects and all had a wonderful time. Incidentally, ex-king Cochrane, who won his crown from Fritzie Zivic, is now associated with the Flagstaff Liquor Company, in Perth Amboy, N.J. Not



forgetting veteran Joe Borell, who fought them all and about whom we'll write more in a future Ring issue.

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Many will remember Tommy Lockhart, now 83, who was in the fistic news and hockey news as well many years ago. Truth to tell, his daughter Madeline has been holding down quite a post with the Garden for the past forty years. Lockhart was with the Metropolitan Association of the A.A.U., when he was made vice-president and chairman of a boxing committee around 1924 to take over the reins. They ran amateur boxing shows in the Garden for five years.

Later he was associated with amateur hockey and softball. Amateur boxing was in the days of President William "Call Me Bill" Carey. Lockhart is now retired but has never lost his touch with boxing and hockey.

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Al Roberts, right monicker, Alfred C. Heidler, who was a crack heavyweight in his day, passed away a short time ago. Our friend, Young Reo and Sonny Early from the famous Sibo outfit, of Staten Island, called us with the news. Al had a brother, known as Kid Roberts, who was a welterweight before him. Roberts was under Billy Gibson's management in his late campaign. Among those whom Roberts met were former kings Gene Tunney and Jack Sharkey, as well as Charley Weinert, the Newark Adonis, and Capt. Bob Roper. He and his widow Charlotte were the parents of three boys — Alfred, Jr., Leon and Ernie.

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MIKE COLBERT, ELECTRICIAN AND BOXER, HAS POWER TO BURN

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into the ring," Colbert says, "but I enjoyed it."

Young Colbert was the star of the amateur boxing program in Portland, which had weekly televised fights back in the 1960s.

"I appeared on TV 25 times and won 'em all," he recalls.

During his amateur career, Colbert lost only 8 of 211 fights, and two of those defeats were to Marvin Johnson.

"I had a string of 48 straight wins back in 1968," Colbert says, "but after I won the National AAU, the doctor who had been treating me for the kidney infection said, 'No, to continue could be fatal.'

"Actually, the AAU would have stopped me when I would have gone on to the Olympic trials, because of the medicine I was taking."

"But I was out of boxing for three years before coming back in '72. I won 27 in a row then, including the National AAU title again, but Johnson beat me on a split decision in the early Olympic trials in New York."

Colbert still had a chance to make the Olympic team, but again lost on a split to Johnson in the final trials in Texas.

Of his bout with the kidney infection, Colbert says, "I was lucky. I was playing football in high school when I got hit in the leg, but I didn't say anything. But it became infected, and the poison affected my kidneys. I went into the hospital for three weeks, and they took a biopsy. Three weeks later I had my first fight of the '68 amateur season with the bandage still on. I just pulled my trunks up to hide it.

"But I was on a new medicine, and another girl who had the same thing died. I showed no side effects, though, because I was so active, and it kept my kidneys functioning OK. At least that was what the doctor thought.

"Then they stopped me."

Seven doctors came in from Philadelphia to check out Colbert and his progress, then after a few months, he was given a clean bill of health.

Marriage didn't work out for Colbert, who says he "walked out after exactly one year to the day."

"She was beautiful, but we just jumped into it when we were too young," Colbert explains. "I look at it now as a blessing, a real blessing, because we're the best of friends, and she has remarried and is very happy.

"Now I feel like we did the right thing, and there are no hard feelings."

Colbert worked hard to become an electrician, and it paid off. Just a year ago he was making $21,000 a year for the Port of Portland, then decided to go to college "to go for an engineering degree."

"I got a 4-point (perfect 4.0 GPA)," he says, "but I kept asking myself, 'How will I ever know how far I can go in boxing — professional boxing — if I don't try?'

"You can devote time to boxing and school, but one will fail," Colbert says. "I like to read a lot because the brain is like a muscle — if you don't use it, it gets weak. I still read a lot now, but I gave up school for boxing.

"When I was making money, there were things I just wanted to do.

"One was that I wanted to be in a position where I could enjoy everything around me.

"Now I've made the move to boxing, and I'm doing a lot of other things I like, such as making my own furniture.

"I've got the trade already and they can't take it away from me, if I ever want to go back. But I'm just enjoying myself now. The pay checks aren't what they used to be. I'm sort of poor, I guess, but I'm doing what makes me happy.

"I just feel I've been blessed."

Amen.

FARLEY, JR., NEW CHAIRMAN OF N.Y. COMMISSION

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He said that since a Panama judge had been provided for in the Duran-Buchanan contract he would permit that one importation for that one fight, if it is held.

(10) The number of supernumeraries on the Commission staff has been reduced drastically to conform to the austerity program of the state. Frank Morris remains as an important functionary.

(11) Dooley's two fellow Commissioners, Manny Gonzales and Kenneth M. Sherwood, will continue in office.

On the whole Farley was bullish on boxing's future — thinks it has reached bottom and is on the way up.

Jim Farley, Jr., is a welcome addition to boxing and can only help the boxing picture. He brings to boxing a working knowledge of the sport and an avid interest.

He hopes to work with both the WBA and WBC in working toward one universally recognized champion in each division.

MEDINA CUTS MORGAN DOWN, SECONDS TO GO

By BART RIPP

Albuquerque, N.M. — Vicente Medina, a journeyman middleweight, opened the fall boxing season here with a stunning 10th round TKO of Glen Morgan.

Medina, 155¼, Tucson, cut Morgan severely over the left eye in the second round and the deepening gash and surprisingly hard Medina right hands forced referee Neffie Quintana to stop the exciting fight at 2:32 of the 10th and final round.

Morgan, 157½, Minneapolis, needed 15 stitches to close the nasty wound, while Medina suffered two broken ribs from Morgan's ferocious punches. The crowd of 1500 Medina partisans at the Civic Auditorium went wild over the fight, the best seen here by this reporter.

Morgan, who had 15 knockouts in 17 bouts entering the Medina battle, was floored for a six-count in the final minute of the bout. Now 16-2, Morgan never once clinched with Medina, who surprised his foe with strong rights throughout the match.

"That was the best fight I've seen anywhere," said Albuquerque Boxing and Wrestling Board Chairman Timothy B. Keleher, who has judged fights around the world.

Promoter-matchmaker Paul Chavez said as soon as the two fighters' injuries had healed, he would ask for a rematch with Morgan's manager, Lou Viscusi, and Medina's manager, Beto Martinez.

In the other scheduled 10-round main event, bantamweight Tony Rocha, 115½, Houston, knocked out Johnny Mesa, 115½, Tucson, at 2:13 of the third round. A right that may have been low to the belly put Mesa down for the count.

San Diego's Benny Barra, 164½, wore trunks embroidered with former light heavyweight champion Bobby Foster's name, but it couldn't keep him from losing a one-sided six-round decision to the impressive Larry "The Stone Fist" Castaneda, 167½, Tucson. The best thing you can say about Barra is that he takes a terrific wallop. Popular here, Castaneda is now 9-1 with eight knockouts.

In a six-round opener, Albuquerque's Jerry Martinez, 144, won an unpopular but unanimous decision from Tucson's Tony Martinez, 137.

In conjunction with Pete Ashlock Promotions, Chavez hopes to run monthly shows throughout the winter.

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ZAMORA KEEPS BANTAM WBA TITLE

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Hong—The gate was $56,400.

Hafey, 127, finished strong in the 10th round to keep his undefeated record for 1975 intact with his 12th straight victory.

Bullish and aggressive, the San Diego featherweight charged inside Torres, a tall Mexican who fired from long range.

Torres, 127½, won the sixth, seventh and eighth by solid edges, but all the other rounds were close.

Referee John Thomas (5-5) and judge Chuck Hassett (6-4) favored Hafey, and judge Lou Filippo called the fight even, 4-4.

Hafey, a leading title contender, now is 48-7; Torres, 30-2.

In the 10-round opener, Raul Rosette, of North Hollywood, scored an exciting unanimous decision over Ricardo Delgado, the 1968 Olympic Games flyweight champion.

Rosette, who won his 19th against one defeat, floored Delgado, 119, of Mexico City, three times—in the third, sixth and eighth rounds. Rosette, 117, won easily on the cards of the three officials. Referee Filippo had it 8-4 and judges Thomas (9-2) and Hassett (9-4) agreed.

OLD MAN BRISCOE NOT TOO OLD TO TAKE GREGORY IN 10

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didn't, and for all intents and purposes the fight was over, as Bennie could not catch him.

Despite the fact that the official scoring was split, it was Briscoe's fight.

Referee Tom Reed saw it 46-44 Briscoe, Judge Earl Vann went the other way 46-44 Gregory. Judge James Brown broke the stalemate with an over generous 49-42 for the hometown hero. UPI, AP and The Ring all agreed on Briscoe.

Gregory claimed an injury to his right hand, incurred during the fourth frame, was responsible for his lack of aggression the second half of the fight. Each battler came in at 161.

Johnny Copeland, 135, from Joplin, Mo., kayoed Willie Daniels, 135, at 2:21 of the eighth round of their scheduled ten-round semi-final.

Daniels, a veteran club fighter from Trenton, N.J., was surprisingly pulling ahead when Copeland unleashed a series of lefts and rights to put him away.

A quick paced 8-rounder featuring two of the cities best young 130 pounders was declared a draw. Alfonso "Bubby" Evans started and finished fast, while Jerome Artis did well during the middle rounds. Evans is now 10-1-1, Artis 9-1-2.

Vandell "Big Boy" Woods, 176, destroyed late sub Mose Harrell, 195, in the opening round. Leo Lopez, 126½, took a four-round nod from "Two Gun" Johnny Barr, 130, and Pete Padilla, 126, TKO'd a very reluctant Tom Brown, 126½, in two.

LUNNYS FIRST LOSS IN 26 FIGHTS

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fighter. In the ninth round, Lunny was knocked down by a short left, but was up at the count of five. It was apparent in the final round that Lunny's sole chance was in scoring a knockout; this did not materialize.

The fight was judged 8-3 by both judges and 8-4 by a generous referee. Lunny's record is now 22-1-3. Naturally there is some talk of a rematch, as Lunny would like to remain in the ratings.

The show was put together by the Garden City Boxing Club, and it drew just 1951 paying customers and a reported $12,900. Lunny has been the only active fighter in the Bay area over the past two years. A loss of prestige on his part would not help local boxing.

BACKUS STOPS GERVAIS IN 10TH AT BINGHAMTON

By JIM LEO

Binghamton, N.Y. — Former world's welterweight king, Billy Backus, the southpaw from Canastota, returned to action for the second time in 1975.

Backus, who had been seeing a lot of overseas action, made his first area appearance in about two years. Billy's opponent was young Marc Gervais, out of Montreal, Canada. Both Backus and Gervais had similar slugging styles. They stood toe to toe for most of the contest, with Backus doing most of the scoring. Backus's stinging body punches and looping hooks began to take their toll in round seven.

In round eight, a right hand spilled Marc. He rose and lasted out the remaining seconds.

Billy, sensing he was way out in front, continued his attack, through round nine, though Gervais battled back.

Midway through the round, Billy lashed out with a right, and a left hook to the jaw, and this time Gervais did not make it up. He was counted out at 1:32, of the 10th.

Marc was helped up to his stool, and later taken to the hospital for observation.

For the experienced Backus, who always comes to fight, it was a strong showing. For Gervais, 23, it was a good crowd-pleasing effort. Backus and Gervais each weighed in at 148.

Sergio Rodrigues, 201, out of New York, pounded out a unanimous eight-round decision over Bayonee, N.J.'s, Brian O'Melia, 210. Rodriguez, a substitute, threw numerous punches and absorbed them well, but O'Melia did not return many. Rodriguez is a former N.Y. Golden Glove champion.

In a six-rounder, Frank "Cheeta" Murray, 154, Binghamton, was a winner over Frankie Mattera, Pottsville, Pa. This was Murray's debut. The decision wasn't too popular. Mattera, 154.

Pat Cuillo, 162, Lockport, N.Y., gained a six round decision over Mike Astafirre, 161, New York. Cuillo dropped his opponent in the opening round.

In a four round light-heavyweight opener, Dan McNevin, Binghamton, also debuting, was a winner over Ray Ronquello, New York.

The card of boxing promoted by the Broome Professional Boxing Club with Tony Cerasaro attracted 1500 who paid out $9300.

►**Scranton, Pa.** — Ralph Palladin, 157, Riverside, Md., made his first start in three years, and he battled to a draw with tough Frankie Kolovart, 151, Cleveland, in the 10-rounder. Palladin scored early with his clever jabbing and boxing ability. Kolovart, always pressing, was able to get under the clever Palladin after a few rounds and scored with good inside blows. The bout wasn't too exciting, and Palladin admitted the long layoff brought about the rustiness in his attack. Referee Joe Salci — 48-48, Judge Stan Kolley saw it 48-41, Kolovart, and Judge Paul Battle to Palladin, 46-44. Both accepted the draw. Palladin, before the bout, announced his purse would be donated to charity.

In a slam bang eight-round semi, another draw occurred when Wilkes Barre's Rocky Holliday, 163, and Guy Gargan, 158, Ocean City, N.J. was called an even affair.

Holliday was making his first local appearance after a few years. Rocky began quicker, but Gargan seemed to dominate as the scrap progressed. Holliday ended up with a nasty eye gash.

The fans thought that the young Gargan was deserving of the bout. Oddly the draw left Gargan's record at 5 wins, 6 draws and 1 loss.

DECKED FIRST TIME IN CAREER, LYLE OUTGUNS SHAVERS IN SIX

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showed everyone he's a fighter who can survive a knockdown. He pushed Shavers against the ropes in the opening seconds and let loose with an intensive barrage of right hands that completely destroyed the Ohio fighter.

Five consecutive right crosses with no return fire ended the bout. Shavers fell forward, and rolled over on his shoulders. Referee Joe Ullmer counted to 10 (he could have counted to 50), and it took Shavers' handlers five or six minutes to get their warrior to his corner.

Lyle, meanwhile, was fully recovered and acknowledged the cheers of his faithful following. Never had they witnessed such a slugfest, and they rewarded the Denver slugger with a 10-minute standing ovation.

Shavers afterwards complained that Lyle had received an extra minute of rest time between the second and third rounds. His camp, however, retracted their complaint when they were reminded that the official Coliseum scoreclock ticked off the seconds during each minute of rest between rounds.

Continuing with his "sour grapes" attitude, Shavers accused Colorado State Athletic Commission of giving Lyle extra time during the mandatory eight-count. However, a check of the official fight film revealed the countdown was accurate, and Lyle had gotten to his feet at the count of six.

Lyle was not disappointed afterwards about being decked for the first time in his career.

"There's always a first time for everything," he said in a post-fight press conference. "The important thing is to get up, and I did."

Lyle, still pressing for another championship bout with Ali, said the knockout win "proved that I can come back when it looks as if I'm beaten. I still believe the Ali fight should never have been stopped. Shavers hurt me more tonight than Ali, and I came back and knocked Shavers out."

It was Lyle's first Denver ring appearance in 14 months, and his first bout since the May 16 title fight.

Lyle's business partner, Bill Daniels, said challenges would be issued to Ali and Frazier, and also to the other top heavyweight contenders—Ken Norton, George Foreman, Joe Bugner and Jimmy Young.

"We're in the fight game for the heavyweight championship," Daniels said. "And Ron proved tonight that he's capable of fighting with the best in the world. Ali said he would give us another shot, and that's still our goal."

Lyle weighed in at 216 pounds, 10 more than Shavers.

The other four bouts on the all-pro card ended as follows:

Leroy Jones (15-0) KO'ed Arthur Robinson (10-6); Heavyweights; Second Round (2:03).

Larry Bonds (14-1) KO'ed Jesse Laura (19-7); Welterweights; Sixth Round (1:28).

Bobby Lee Hunter (9-2) Dec. Antonio Fuentes (24-7); Bantamweights; Eight rounds.

Billy Parks (3-0-1) KO'ed Cisco Garcia (4-2); Lightweights; Second Round (2:37).

The crowd of 5,058 paid a gross gate of $58,011.

ADAMS BATTERS WALLACE CHI BOXING REVIVES

By JIM BRADY

Chicago — Professional boxing is enjoying a mild revival in Chicago due largely to the efforts of promoter Jack Cowan. To date: Cowan has promoted 5 cards at the Roberts Outdoor Arena. Although yet to field a financial winner, he is in the process of developing young talent; most notably welterweight Tim Adams and middleweight Al "Firebrand" Clay.

"Bosing is ready for a comeback in Chicago," asserts Cowan. "If Clay and Adams develop the way I think they should, I'm confident the fans will turn out."

Other entrants in the promotional derby include Noah Robinson, Jr. (Kennedy King College) and Toni Johnson (Pic Congress Hotel), wife of former heavyweight contender Alonzo Johnson.

In addition, Clarence Griffin has been running successful amateur shows bi-monthly at his famed "Windy City Gym."

As a result fans have been treated to more boxing on a continual basis than at any time since 1961, when Ben Bentley and Joe Kellman ran weekly at the old Marigold Gardens.

▶Slick boxing Tim Adams, 143, Chicago, won a disputed victory at Roberts Outdoor Arena. Tim Adams, 143, Chicago, battered James Wallace, 144, Shreveport, La. for 6 rounds before the bout was halted at 2:56 of the 7th round to save Wallace from further punishment.

Adams outclassed Wallace, hitting the lad from bayou country almost at will and winning every round. At the time of the stoppage, Wallace was trapped in a corner and reeling drunkenly from the effects of the Chicagoan's blows.

In the 6 round semi-final, Tom Tarrantino, 137½, Milwaukee, knocked out Danny Starks, 135, Chicago, at 1:30 of the third round.

After winning the first 2 rounds with a left jab, Starks got careless and began carrying his hands dangerously low. Tarrentino connected early in the 3rd, with a powerful left hook that sent the Chicagoan to the deck. Staggering erect, Starks, attempted to flee, but was dropped again, by another left hook, this time for keeps. Following the K.O., Starks required medical assistance.

At Pic Congress Hotel Ricky Thomatis, 149, Chicago, outpointed Gaetan Hart, 142, Ottawa, Canada over 8 rounds.

Hart staggered Thomatis in the 3rd with a left hook, but Thomatis proved too fast and hit too hard for the veteran Canuck, and won convincingly.

Baby Ray Smith, 164, Chicago, Ill., coldcocked George Jacobs, 158, Ottawa, Canada at 2:47 of the 1st round. Sched. 6.

Cornell Verse, 188, Chicago, KO'ed Troy Bolden, 196, Chicago, at 1:22 of the 1st round.

Ernie Witcher, 161, Ottawa, KO'ed Walter Tate, 158, Chicago, at 1:12 of the 2nd round.

Al "Tiger" Bell, 174, Chicago, and Dave Bradley, 169, Chicago, fought to a torrid 4-round draw.

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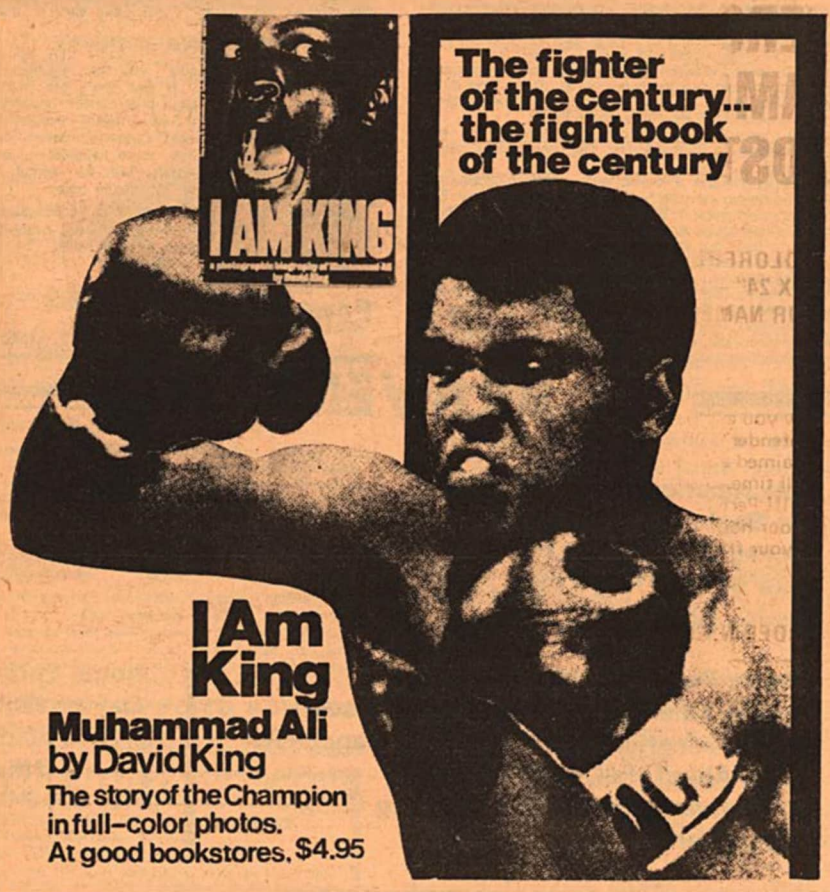

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HUTCHINS BEATS LEE IN U.S. TITLE BOUT

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dale, scored a decision win over Paco Zavala, from Los Angeles.

Both lightweights fought their hardest, and the bout was an exciting one from start to finish. In the opening six rounder Nacho Jiminez, of Stockton, was decreed the winner over Eddie Manchaca, of Pittsburg, when the referee halted the action in the second round. Manchaca was defenseless and the referee's decision was a sound one.

BAKER DEFENDS TWICE IN ONE WEEK

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Richmond, Va. junior middleweight king Mike Baker made his second defense of his crown within a week, when he kayoed Charley Fullard in three rounds.

Baker opened the first round with a two hand attack, giving the Richmond battler no chance to take the lead. The champion scored with good left hooks and rights to the head in the next two rounds, until the Virginia boy called it a night.

The Washington D. C. champ's record over a three year span is 26-5-0, scoring 18 kayo's. This was his fourth title defense. He is ranked third in the world junior middleweight ratings.

STANDER STOPS JACKSON IN TWO HEATS AT OMAHA

By BOB RUIZ

Omaha, Nebr. — Looking grim and unshaven, Iowa heavyweight Ron Stander was all business as he waded into favored Morris Jackson of Omaha, scoring a stunning upset knockout win in the second round over the Nebraskan.

It was this city's first pro fight in over a year.

A previous fight between the two local gladiators had ended in a ten round draw so this time the distance was slated for twelve rounds.

Jackson, 216, is an impressive boxer with real power and on a good night is easily capable of holding his own with any fighter in the world. Stander has been less than effective of late but mainly due to constant weight problems. This time Ron was trimmed to his lowest weight in years at 219.

There was no dancing in this fight which took on overtones of the Zale-Graziano fights as Jackson and Stander hammered each other from the onset. Morris having the better of the first heat when he doubled up Stander with a body barrage mid-way and cut the Iowan's eye. Ronnie needed a miracle to stave off defeat and in the second round found one labeled right hand, which sent Jackson down on his back. Morris was up at eight but stumbling when the referee stopped it at 0:58. Stander is now 28-6-2 with a revived career.

In the semi, young Sean O'Grady of Oklahoma bested Harvey "Candyman" Wilson after eight hectic rounds in a featherweight match. O'Grady is a tremendous prospect who was given a tough go by Ohio's Wilson but the classy Sean of Oklahoma hit too hard and too often for the Candyman.

Michael Reed, Omaha, won split decision over Lloyd Richardson, N.Y. Light-heavyweights, six rounds. Rugged Tony Chiaverini outpointed Monty Cady of Nebr. in a six round middleweight bout. Lon ie Crosby, Inc., Nebr. defeated Manny Gonzales in four rounds of middleweight action. 4,274 attended.

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RAMON ORTIZ STAYS UNBEATEN IN ARGENTINA

By SIMON BRONENBERG AND ALFREDO PORZIO

Corrientes, Argentina — In the feather class Ramon Benitez beat Eduardo Echeverria on points in 10.

▲**Mendoza** — Undefeated in the junior light division, Mario Ortiz won from Ramon Gonzalez by a TKO in 10.

▲**Santa Rosa** — In the welter division Luis H. Cabral outpointed Ramon Perez in 10.

▲**Rio Tercero** — Rafael Zalazar and Julio Campagna drew in 10. They are lights.

▲**Tucuman** — Feathers Gustavo Martinez and Ruben Granados drew in 10.

▲**Villa Mercedes** — Middle Hugo Corro whipped Ramon Robert by a TKO in six.

▲**La Rioja** — Welter Anibal Di Lella outpointed Pedro Bazan in 10.

▲**San Carlos Bariloche** — Miguel Lazarte (fly) beat Hector Velasquez in 10.

▲**Villa Maria** — In the junior welter class Alberto Zimoffer kayoed Ramon Acosta in nine.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring for the Argentine fly title Juan Jose Brizuela beat Carlos Escalante in 12 and retained his crown in a hard and interesting bout.

▲**Carmen de Patagomes** — Lightweights Alfredo Myoano and Oscar Barrios drew in 3 by a medical decision.

▲**Tandil** — Mario Delgado beat Alfredo Cicopiedi in 10 rounds. They are junior middles.

▲**Gualeguaychu** — In the light class undefeated Armando Bustos whipped Oscar Arganaraz in 10 rounds.

▲**General Acha** — Undefeated in the light division Justino Heredia beat Santiago Lopez in 6 (medical decision).

▲**San Justo** — In the welter division Carlos Herrera kayoed Jose Luis Acosta in the third round.

▲**Rio Grande** — Jorge "polvotita" Gomez (lights) decisioned Juan Olivera in 10 rounds.

▲**Resistencia** — In the heavyweight class Domingo D'Elia and Ruben Gonzalez drew in 10.

▲**San Juan** — Rolando Lahoz beat Ricardo Alvarez in 10. They are bantams.

▲**Tucuman** — In the light class Manuel Lopez decisioned Juan Herrera in 10.

▲**San Carlos Bariloche** — Ex-Argentine bantam champion Jose Casas, now in the feather class, outpointed Juan Garcia, from Chile in 10 rounds.

▲**Rio Hondo** — In the middle class Armando Vicente beat Ramon Vega by a TKO in the seventh round.

▲**San Vicente** — In the heavy class Marcos Tosto beat Adolfo Sotelo by a TKO in five rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires** — Argentine bantam champion Benicio Sosa and Argentine feather champion Oscar "Cachin" Mendez drew in 10 rounds — non-titles bout.

▲**Huanguelen** — In the middle class Hector Galvan kayoed Miguel Aravena in nine rounds.

▲**Villa Maria** — In the light class Gregorio Villavicencio decisioned Julio Lopez in 10.

▲**Salta** — In the feather division Juan Reyes kayoed Andres Abalos in the first round and in the same class, Enrique Aguero beat Juan Malvarez in 10.

▲**Cordoba** — Rodolfo Marciali decisioned Alberto Almiron in 10. They are middles.

▲**Rio Cuarto** — Hugo Emer whipped Jose Arias by a TKO in eight (flys) and in the welter division Ramon Allende kayoed Juan Moreno in six.

▲**Corral de Bustos** — In the middle class Gregorio Navarro kayoed Carlos Reato in eight.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring undefeated in the welter class Daniel Gonzalez outpointed Ramon Perez in 10 rounds.

▲**Gualeguaychu** — In the middle class Luis Gimenez beat Juan N. Pintos by a TKO in the third round.

▲**San Juan** — In the middle class Hugo Corro kayoed Octavio Escauriza in the third round.

▲**Cordoba** — In the middle division Hugo Saavedra beat Rudecindo Chavez by a TKO in six.

▲**Parana** — Undefeated in the junior welter class Juan Merlo kayoed Alfredo M. Coria in the seventh round.

▲**General Roca** — In the light heavy class Luis Salvucci whipped Antonio Paez in 10 rounds.

▲**San Carlos Bariloche** — In the junior light division Antonio Ross drew Juan Garcia in the seventh round (medical decision).

▲**Monte Maiz** — Undefeated in the light class Armando Bustos outpointed Jose Filippi in 10.

▲**Salta** — In the feather division Juan J. Noguera won from Ramon Benitez in 10 and at the same weight Hipolito Nunez kayoed Ramon Castro in five.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At Luna Park Argentine light champion Hugo Gutierrez in a hard bout beat Juan I. Vedia on points in 10 rounds.

▲**Tandil** — In the light class Jose I. Funes beat Juan Alderete in 10; in the welter division Juan J. Perez beat Miguel Valdebenito in six.

NEUMAN SENDS KIRKMAN INTO FAREWELL AT VEGAS

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Las Vegas, Nev. — Veteran trainer Chickie Ferrara apparently recovered from Ron Lyle's loss to Muhammad Ali last spring, has a new heavyweight charge in tow. . .Randy Newmann.

With Ferrara calling the shots from the corner. . .Newmann punched his way to victory by a unanimous decision and sent Daniel "Boone" Kirkman, into self-proclaimed retirement.

The event was the season's last in a series of nationally televised Friday night fights staged at the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas.

The 27-year old Neumann, of Cliffside, New Jersey, displayed superior speed, rugged tactics, and professional cunning, to give fight fans one of the most exciting non-championship bouts seen on the Vegas Strip.

For the 30-year old Kirkman, of Seattle, it was a somber night. It was his fourth successive loss, the three previous ones by knockout or cuts.

A saddened Kirkman stated that: "My reflexes are going and I promised my wife I'd quit if I lost another fight."

The event was a night for top trainers. Ken Norton's trainer, Bill Slayton, guided another of his heavyweights, Dwain Bonds, 202, of Los Angeles, to a victorious five-round decision over Joe Garcia, 184, of Riverside, Calif.

Slayton's ring expertise was much in evidence as Bonds displayed unusual skill and swiftness for a youngster fighting only his third professional bout.

Antonio Sanchez, 121½, of Mexico City, outpointed Ardon Peralta, 122, of Phoenix, in six rounds.

The final prelim resulted in a draw between Rafael Prediado, 136, of Long Beach, Calif. and Juan Arcos, 136, of Los Angeles.

The card was the last of the Friday night fights until early in 1976, when, officials feel, the end of the football season will spark an increased interest in non-championship boxing.

The Friday night series was sponsored by Madison Square Garden in association with local promoter Mel Greb.

▲In Bill Miller's recent Strip Fight of the Week, Miguel Mayon of San Diego pounded out a 10-round decision over Arturo Leon in a battle of lightweights.

Both men traded combinations throughout the bout. But Mayone's effective close jabs netted him the victory.

Leon's stablemate Manny Lopez, scored the only knockout of the evening when he caught Jose Olivares, 126, of Los Angeles, with a pair of right hands in the last second of the third round. Lopez, 123, was recently named the Las Vegas Hall of Fame's best prospect. The win, his second knockout, raised his record to 7-1.

David Martinez, 204, of Phoenix, scored a TKO over Ray Sternberg of Las Vegas at 1:50 of the third round.

Henry Washington, 203, of Los Angeles, came back from a disastrous first round with a nearly-closed eye. . .to take a split decision over Las Vegas' Jimmy Gilmore, 278.

HAYS TAKES CARE OF QUEEN BY TKO IN 8TH.

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Charleston, W. Va. — Burt Hays, 158½, Parkersburg, is now the undisputed middleweight champion of West Virginia, by virtue of an eighth round TKO over Eddie Queen, 160, Montgomery, W. Va. A badly beaten Queen was unable to come out for round eight.

Queen started fast and appeared to be going all out for an early KO. He came out punching at the opening bell and scored well with vicious right hands to the head. But the Parkersburg veteran covered up and weathered the storm.

Queen again dominated the action in the second round, pressing Hays thruout the round. The third round also went to Queen. In the fourth one could sense a change in the action as Hays started coming on with stiff left jabs and booming right upper cuts.

The next three rounds went to Hays by a wide margin as he battered Queen from pillar to post, with hard two handed punching. A never say die Eddie Queen was prevented from coming out for round eight when his chief second called referee John Tanner to the corner and asked that the fight be halted. Tanner took a close look at Eddie and stopped the fight. It was a correct call as Queen could barely stand.

Larry Moore, 137, Dunbar, W. Va. won an unanimous 8 round decision from Ron Pettigrew, 143, Cleveland.

In the six round special bout, Bobby Plegge, 146½, Salem, Ohio, scored a unanimous decision over Rocky Clayton, 151, Charleston, W.Va. Plegge was making his pro debut and made a big hit with the W. Va. fans. He has the torso of a big middleweight mounted on very short sturdy legs. He used a terrific left hook to shake his taller opponent thruout the fight. He is 1-0 and Rocky is 1-1.

Seven all star amateur bouts featuring champions from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia completed the card. Pro-Am boxing is here to stay regardless of certain A.A.U. officials.

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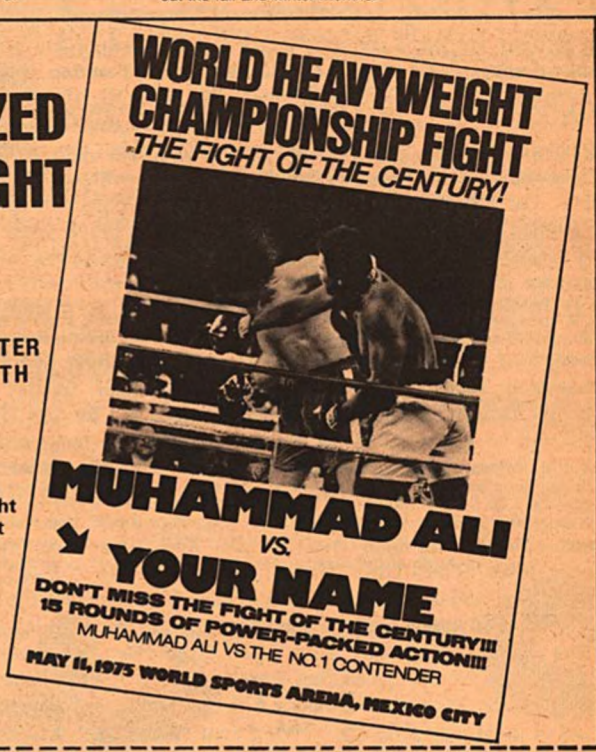

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

THE release carried by the international wire services was a simple one. . ."Ex-boxer dies in hotel fire". . .but there was quite a bit more to it than that. . .Bobby Scanlon was only 39, and was living in that $75 a month hotel in Buffalo, N.Y., but back in 1957, Bobby Scanlon was the talk of the boxing beat—headed for fistic stardom—and only at that time—Carlos Ortiz and Paolo Rosi ranked ahead by Ring. . .Scanlon's boxing career started in Father Baker's Orphanage, and times were tough, but so was Bobby. Under his first manager, Mike Scanlon (no relation), he notched 24 straight wins in the punch for pay, but decided to change managers. His enthusiasm dropped, and so did Bobby in the ratings. He discovered he was having problems, double vision, and hung the gloves up for a year. When young Scanlon returned to the ring wars, he was not the same lad and retired for good. Upon retirement, Scanlon went into seclusion, broke and in debt, and his "fair weather friends long gone." Bobby Scanlon ended up at that hotel in Buffalo. He was a constant visitor to a psychiatrist and was mentally deranged at times. . .a real loner now. Nothing was heard from this young man through the press until the release carried "Ex-boxer Dies In Hotel Fire". . .so ended the life of Bobby Scanlon. . .Randy Shields is the lad I touted from the start, and it looks right now as though I may have come up with another winner here. The West Coast lightie is on his way to bigger things. . .Al Bachman acting as matchmaker for promoter Frank Gelb at the Dickinson High School Gym, in Jersey City, which seats 3,000 for boxing. This pair tried to land the Jersey City Armory (seats 8,000), which would have been a prestige spot, but a tennis outfit has it rented out for two years and would not relinquish it once every two weeks for boxing shows. . .W.B.C. light heavyweight champion, John Conteh, of England, on the shelf, fracture of the second metacarpal (the bone in palm of the hand for you laymen), and will be out of action for the rest of this year—happened in the Willie Taylor fight in Scranton, Pa.. Willie Gilzenberg, who is associated with boxing in Pennsylvania, has been around for years. He spends most of his time with the wrestlers these days, but in the past years he had many top fighters. Two I can remember best were Two Ton Tony Galento and Freddie "Red" Cochrane. . .Cochrane is working at the New York Athletic Club as an engineer and doing well. . .Freddie won the welterweight crown from Fritzie Zivic many years ago. . .There are not many gyms operating in New England, but you must credit Art Ramalho, proprietor of the West End Gym in Lowell, Mass., for developing a load of good young fighters serving their apprenticeship on the Sam Silverman boxing shows in that area. . .Former world featherweight champ Bobby Chacon made the right move, finally, in taking back his manager, Joe Ponce, but only after having "blown his WBC feather title." Now Chacon will campaign as a junior lightweight. . .If George Foreman wants to get back on the winning track, and is serious about boxing, he should sign on a real fight trainer, and a fellow like Lou Gross, now based at Miami Beach, is available. . .Gross is a teacher, and this is what Foreman needs and badly. . .Mike Hayes, P.R. man for the Denver Boxing Club, writes from the Mile High City that Ron Lyle is "out of dry-dock" and ready to resume his ring career. Obviously, the Las Vegas fight with Ali was very disappointing to all of the group supporting Lyle—for Hayes it was a four-year goal; for Lyle, a ten-year

Bobby Scanlon, who perished recently in a hotel fire, is seen receiving the Northern California Boxer of the Year award for 1957, from Willie Ritchie, left.

dream, and to see it all end that way left a very sour taste. . .Now he must start all over again. . .They're still talking about the punch that lightweight champ Roberto Duran landed on the chin of Eleonora Baca, the gal who leaped into the ring and took a shot at the king after he had kayoed her friend Pedro Menloza, of Nicaragua, in 27 seconds!! Duran has no preference who he hits and he scored two kayoes in one night, the gal included. . .Television promoter Jerry Perenchio and TV producer Norman Lear (All In The Family) have applied for promotion licenses at the Oakland Coliseum Arena after signing George Foreman for a two-year contract. . .The passing of Eli Hanover, Baltimore promoter, will leave a deep void in boxing in that city—his matchmaker Eddie Hrica will try to take up and carry on. . .P.L. "Pinkie" George is the new manager of McElroy Auditorium in Waterloo, Iowa, and boxing will resume in that city this winter. Pinkie, you will remember, managed some pretty good fighters in his hey-day—among them Lee Savold and Johnny Paycheck—both of whom challenged Joe Louis for the heavyweight title. . .George and his wife of 46 years, Evelyn, have returned to their native city after years of traveling far and wide promoting boxing shows. . .it is good to have Pinkie back home. . .Muhammad Ali has purchased an 80-acre, $400,000 estate near Benton Harbor, Michigan, and might very well desert his Deer Lake, Pa., training camp and set up shot at this new site. . .Ron Stander, Omaha heavyweight, has a new manager in Bill Cooley, who paid 10 grand for his contract. . .Paddy Flood, N.Y.C. fight manager, is grieving over the loss of his mother. . .A great young prospect currently showing in Southern California rings is Ruben Castillo—remember that name. . .Vinnie Curto, Sr., father of Miami Beach middleweight—originally out of Boston—passed away in Beantown at the age of just 47 years. . .Always great to hear from former lightweight champion Sammy Angott, who boxed them all in his hey-day. Sammy has not worked since 1965, is disabled with arthritis and high blood pressure. His wife works everyday to keep things going. . .Let it be known that veteran manager Lou Viscusi is the sole manager of middleweight Tony Licata. He, and he alone, calls the shots for the Chinese-Italian gladiator. . .It is almost a year now since former heavyweight champ Jack Dempsey was knocked out by Kid Inflation and had to give up his restaurant in N.Y.C.—we always stay at the Hotel Taft (thanks to Gail Gross,

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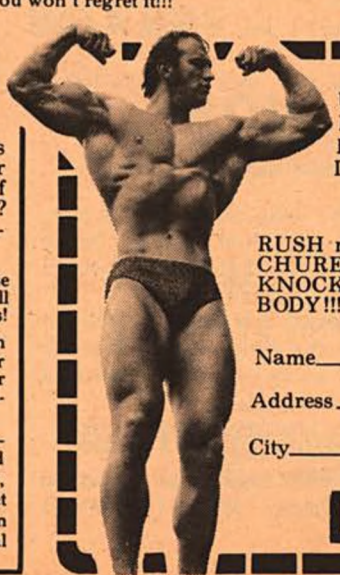

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LOS ANGELES, CAL. — For being ill, Randy Shields turned in an impressive performance.

The rangy North Hollywood lightweight, apparently still not fully recovered from what was thought to be an attack of the flu, battled his way to a unanimous decision over Mexico's Tury Pineda in an exciting 10-rounder, before 5,195, at the Olumpic Auditorium.

"He's been sick for a week," said Sonny Shields, father-manager of the undefeated Randy. "We kept it a secret. He had dysentery the whole week, and we thought of postponing the fight up until three days ago. He was weak and his timing was off."

Randy, who recorded his 26th straight victory, said his illness didn't affect him in the fight, although he wasn't completely satisfied. "Tury never hurt me and I never got tired, but I felt like I had the blahs," he said.

Most ringsiders might disagree. The 5-11, 19-year-old blond threw punches constantly and was particularly sharp in the early rounds.

Shields, 136½, snapped jarring jabs off the nose of this charging, bullish opponent, who tried desperately, but was unable to generate a consistent attack. Nonetheless, Pineda, 137, was effective in spurts with ripping left hooks to the body.

Pineda, at a distinct disadvantage at 5-5½, was aggressive, but encountered trouble moving into firing range.

Several low blows were thrown by each, and there were other rough tactics, including a wild exchange after the bell ending the eighth.

Shields, the 10-8 favorite, scored a shutout on the card of Judge Richard Steele, 9-0. Judge Dick Young had it 8-2 and referee Larry Rozadilla 6-4.

Earlier, Fernando Vasquez, 19, a preliminary fighter from Guadalajara, who lives in Los Angeles, was hospitalized after being knocked out at 28 seconds of the first by Jorge Torres, 129½.

Vasquez, who weighed 130, was carried unconscious from the ring on a stretcher and taken to General Hospital, where he regained consciousness and was released.

In the televised 10-rounder Claude Durden, 135, KO'd previously unbeaten Antonio Gin, 134½, at 2:55 of the fourth round. Gin, a stablemate of Pineda, had won nine, including eight KO's. The gross gate was $41,609.

LOS ANGELES, CAL. — Danny Lopez wasn't impressed.

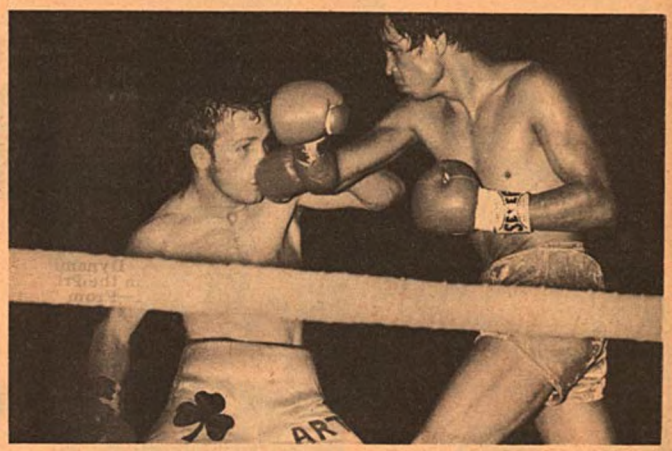
"He wasn't that good," he said. "I should've got him a lot earlier."

Lopez referred to Antonio Nava, the unhearalded Mexican newcomer who gave Danny more trouble than most expected, before being knocked out in the sixth round before 2,500 at the Olympic Auditorium.

Nava, who originally had been rejected as a qualified opponent for Lopez by the Mexican Athletic Commission, won the first two rounds, and was in contention until running into an overhand right in the sixth. That was the beginning of the end.

"No fight is ever easy," Lopez's manager, Howie Steindler, said after the knockout at 2:09. "Remember that."

However, Lopez argued the point while kneeling at ringside in front of his manager, who then told Danny, "Why do you always minimize your wins? That was a tough fight."



Mexico City's Salvador Torres throws a right at Irish Art Hafey in an action packed bout in Anaheim, California. Hafey won that fight by a split decision.

It appeared tough from ringside if not from Lopez's vantage point.

The durable hawk-nosed Mexican came out fast. He jabbed, weaved, back-pedaled and scored frequently during the first two rounds, as Lopez plodded after him, throwing combinations, few of which landed.

Lopez was unable to sustain an effective offense early in the fight, but found the range in the third, when he landed to the head often enough to win the round.

Lopez, the 4-1 favorite and a contender for the featherweight title, buckied Nava's knees on two occasions, and knocked his head through the ropes once in the fourth.

The fifth also belonged to the Alhambra redhead, but again the edge was slight. Lopez pumped a half-dozen lefts to the body, prompting Nava to tie him up. Moments later, Lopez staggered him with an overhand right, but Nava shook off the blow and came back swinging.

After another give-and-take battle in the early stages of the sixth, again dominated by Lopez, the payoff blow materialized in the form of Danny's favorite punch—the overhand right.

Nava, who weighed 128½, and entered the ring with a 21-4-1 record, failed to slough off that shot. He sagged, attempted to hang onto Lopez, then reeled around the ring helplessly while absorbing more punishment.

Lopez, 127, connected with a half-dozen or so more blows as Nava collapsed. He attempted to rise, but it was over. Referee George Latka had stopped the fight.

Lopez recorded his 25th knockout in 30 fights, with three losses.

In a scheduled six-rounder, Alberto Sandoval, former National AAU flyweight champion, improved his pro record to 2-0 when he knocked out Ignacio Orotonio at 1:51 of the first round.

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venue.

After four fights, Max returned to Germany to make a film, "Love in Ring."

The world heavyweight crown that Schmeling had dreamed of came to pass on June 12, 1930, when he met Jack Sharkey, with the latter being disqualified in round four for throwing a low punch. Schmeling cried after the fight, for he did not want to win the title this way. He would have sooner lost.

The German made a successful defense against Young Stribling, but lost his crown in a return bout with Shakrey on June 21, 1932. A crowd of 61,800 paid $432,465 to see this battle at the Long Island arena. It was a decision that was ciritized even by the American press.

Max, kayoed in ten by Max Baer, on June 8, 1933, returned home where he married Anny, who had never seen him fight.

Max made a second film, "Knock Out," and then in 1934, he faced fellow countryman, Walter Neusel, who had been successful in England and America. This Hamburg battle attracted a record crowd of 90,000, and Max won, kayoing Neusel in round eight.

In the year of the 1936 Berlin Olympics, Schmeling met Steve Hamas a second time, having lost their first encounter on points. The second bout took place in Hamburg, and this time the German won in round eight.

In 1936 Max returned to America to face Joe Louis, and the German's KO win in round twelve was a major upset. Three rights to the jaw closed the bout and brought about Joe's first defeat. Gate receipts from the 42,000 crowd in New York amounted to $547,541.

Max was now a hero in the eyes of the Germans, and on arrival in Berlin, Max having flown home on the German zepelin, "Hindenburg," was met and congratulated by Adolf Hitler.

Max's second fight with Louis, on June 22nd, 1938, was for the world title held by the American. It proved disasterous for the German. In round one a right decked Max, and upon rising, he was put down again by another right. Then a left hook and a right cross sent the German down on his face. Referee Arthur Donovan intervened; manager Max Machon threw in the towel. The 70,000 in the venue who had paid $1,015,012 saw only 2.04 minutes of action, and those in Germany who were a little late getting out of bed when their alarm went off, found it was all over when they switched on their radio.

Joe Jacobs, who managed Max, died in New York, in 1940. Max, a hero in the eyes of the Nazis, was forced to join the paratroopers at the age of 35, but his days of soldiering did not last long. Making a drop over Crete, he injured both knees on landing and was discharged.

As the Russian's moved towards Berlin in 1945, Max and his family fled to Hamburg, but even there he did not find the English so friendly. They sent him to prison for three months for breaking the rules in building a house.

Schmeling boxed from 1924 to 1948, winning the world heavyweight crown, the European and German light heavyweight and heavyweight titles. After being inactive for eight years, Max returned to the ring in 1947, at the age of 42, and had five bouts, winning three and losing two.

In all, Max had 71 fights, won 39 KO, 14 points, 3 on a foul, lost 5 inside the distance, lost 5 on points and drew five.

Max is now a successful businessman with Coca-Cola in Germany. He must have made a couple of hundred trips to America since the war. He has met his ex-foe Joe Louis on a number of occasions, and during one of Joe's trips to Europe, he stayed with Max in Hamburg. Louis, another great name in boxing, even more so than perhaps Max Schmeling, deserves a little of the German's, wealth, health and prosperity.

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St. Paul, Minn. — It was out of towner night at the Armory when a double ten round bill was presented that featured all out of town fighters. 400 fans showed up.

Len Hutchins, ranking Detroit light heavy, disposed of John Griffin in four rounds when the Akron fighter bowed out, failing to answer the bell for the fourth round.

It was all Hutchins from the start as he scored at will with sharp left jabs and solid rights. In the third round the end appeared near as Griffin was staggered several times. The fight was stopped when Griffin claimed a shoulder injury. There were no knockdowns in the short fight.

Hutchins record is now 23-2-1, while the ledger on Griffin slipped to 21-13-1.

In the second scheduled ten "Bobby" "Rico" Hoye of Kalamazoo (10-1-1) displayed awesome punching power as he destroyed Kid Total (Errol Hall) of Jamaica (14-8-1) with Totas being excused while on his stool. The fight goes into the book as a fifth round stoppage.

The combinations of Hoye gave Totas no chance to get started as Hoye would switch his attack from the body to head, and back to the body. Totas tried but was never in the fight.

Classy St. Paul junior welterweight George Anderson upped his record to 10-1-1 when he won a unanimous eight round decision over Tom Tarantino of Milwaukee (6-9-2). Anderson showed a good left jab and hurt Tarantino several times with powerful rights.

Gary Guiden, Muncie, Ind. (4-1-0) won a unanimous six round decision over veteran Rory O'Shea of Minneapolis (24-4-1) in a welterweight match. Guiden displayed a lot of class as he floored O'Shea in the third round.

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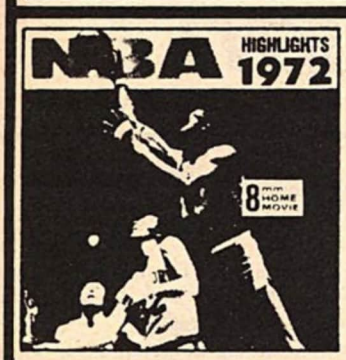

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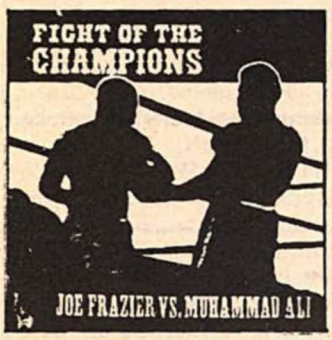

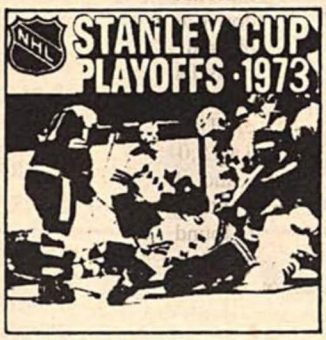

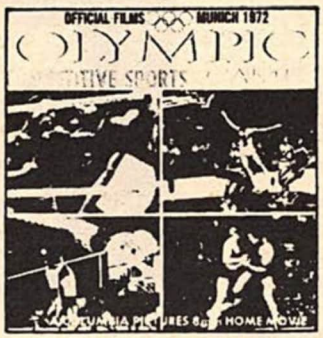

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COMMONWEALTH CHAMPS AND CONTENDERS ARE MASSED

LONDON, ENGLAND — Not many tournaments during the close season, but a significant meeting of the Commonwealth Championships Committee, of which I am a member.

This was held at the offices of the British Boxing Board of Control here, and on my proposal the Committee accepted an application from the Zambian Board of Control for affiliation.

Their representative Mr. Makwakwa was present, and stated how happy he was at this official recognition.

An application, also for recognition, was made by the South Pacific Boxing Association (Inc.) of New Zealand. In this instance they wanted to be allowed to conduct Commonwealth title fights in New Zealand with the blessing of the Commonwealth Championships Committee, whereas the latter body has to date accepted only contests given the approval of the New Zealand Boxing Association, who are affiliated to the C.C.C.

Various correspondence was read, from which it appeared that there is a good chance of the South Pacific B.A. and the New Zealand B.A. getting together and working out some sort of agreement for the benefit of all concerned, and the matter was left in abeyance until these two organizations had had more time to sort out their affairs.

Correspondence was received from an organization in Nigeria who claim to be the rightful Board of Control in that country, having just been formed.

As the Nigerian Board of Control, formed in 1949, have always been affiliated to the C.C.C., their representative Mr. Akerele explained the situation and stated that his organization was still functioning effectively, and that no other organization should be permitted to govern in his country.

It was decided to continue recognition of the 1949 Nigerian Board of Control pending any substantial change in the situation.

Since the last meeting of the Committee, in January 1975, the following titles became vacant—lightheavyweight (John Conteh gave it up on winning the world crown), middleweight (Tony Mundine retired from boxing), lightmiddleweight (Charkey Ramon did not defend against Elisha Obed by March 31), flyweight (Big Jim West has now moved up to bantamweight).

Scotland's featherweight John Mitchell now ranks as the top Scot, since the retirement of former lightweight king Ken Buchanan. Mitchell so far this year has a 3-2 mark, losing to Arnold Taylor and Alan Buchanan.

After considering contenders for the eleven titles, the following decisions were made:

HEAVYWEIGHT — Champion Bunny Johnson (J). Contenders Joe Bugner (E), Billy Aird (E), Fonomanu Sekon (T), Ngozika Ekwelum (N).

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT — Champion Steve Aczel (A). Contender Victor Attivor (G). Aczel ordered to defend against attivor (who had stopped him in a non-title fight) within 90 days.

MIDDLEWEIGHT — Champion Monty Betham (NZ). Contenders Bunny Sterling (J), Kevin Finnegan (E), George Aidoo (G).

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT — Championship Vacant. Contenders Elisha Obed (B), Maurice Hope (ANT), Larry Paul (E).

WELTERWEIGHT —Championship

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BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Bunny Johnson (J)

1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
3. Billy Aird (E)
4. Main Vaka (T)
5. Danny McAlinden(I)
6. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
7. Richard Dunn (E)
8. Rocky Campbell (Ant)
9. Eddie Neilson (E)
10. Maile Naimona (Samoa)

WELTERWEIGHT
Championship Vacant

1. Clyde Gray (C)
2. John H. Stracey (E)
3. Rocky Mattioli (A)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Eddie Blay (G)
6. Bunny Grant (J)
7. Pat Thomas (J)
8. Jeff Gale (W)
9. Kenny Webber (E)
10. Henry Rhiney (J)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Steve Aczel (A)

1. John Conteh (E)
2. Johnny Frankham (E)
3. Chris Finnegan (E)
4. Tim Wood (E)
5. Victor Attivor (G)
6. Roy John (W)
7. Pat McCann (E)
8. Gary Summerhays (C)
9. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
10. Greg McNamara (A)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson

1. Martin Beni (Papua)
2. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
3. Joey Singleton (E)
4. Pat McCormack (I)
5. Johnny Summerhays (C)
6. Des Morrison (J)
7. Alan Salter (E)
8. Billy Waith (W)
9. Lawrence Hafey (C)
10. Ross Eadie (A)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Dave Needham (E)
2. Brian Roberts (A)
3. Paddy Maguire (I)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. Jim West (A)
6. Paddy Graham (I)
7. Brian Clout (A)
8. Jim Slatter (A)
9. John Kellie (S)
10. Guinea Hillier (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)

1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Carlos Marks (Tr)
4. Alan Minter (E)
5. Dave Downey (C)
6. Gary Broughton (C)
7. Carl Speare (E)
8. Semi Bula (A)
9. Roy Lee (J)
10. Dave Dakers (B.Hon.)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)

1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Matt Ropis (A)
3. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
4. Andy Broome (A)
5. George McGurk (E)
6. Tommy Dunn (E)
7. Paul Collette (C)
8. Dave Richards (A)
9. Jeff Malcolm (A)
10. Noel McIvor (E)

FLYWEIGHT
Championship Vacant

1. Pat Mambwe (Zambia)
2. John McCluskey (S)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT
Championship Vacant

1. Elisha Obed (Bah.)
2. Maurice Hope (Ant.)
3. Larry Paul (E)
4. Matt Donovan (Tr)
5. Jean Claud Leclair (C)
6. Rocky Patterson (A)
7. Billy O'Donnell (A)
8. Johnny Galluzzo (A)
9. Jim Bavin (NZ)
10. Jimmy Batten (E)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
David Poison Kotey (G)

1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Bobby Dunne (A)
3. Vernon Sollas (S)
4. Merv Wockner (A)
5. Alan Richardson (E)
6. George Turpin (E)
7. Bingo Crooks (J)
8. Alan Buchanan (S)
9. Jimmy Brown (A)
10. Gerry Duffy (S)

Billy Moeller (A) won the vacant and newly-formed Junior lightweight title. He has been ordered to defend against Mama Clay (N). Other contenders Lionel Rose (A) and Jimmy Bell (S).

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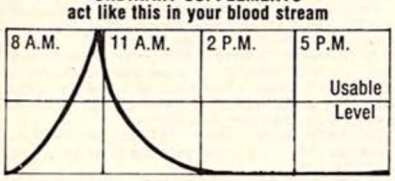

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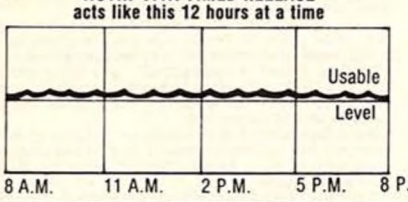

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Vacant. Contenders Clyde Gray (C), John Stracey (E), Rocky Matioli (A), Kevin Odus (N), Pat Thomas (J).

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT — Champion Hector Thompson (A). Contenders Joey Singleton (E), Martin Beni (PAPUA).

LIGHTWEIGHT — Champion Jonathan Dele (N). Contender Percy Hayles (J).

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT — Champion Billy Moeller (A). Contenders Mama Clay (N), Lionel Rose (A).

FEATHERWEIGHT — Champion David Poison Kotey (G). Contenders Art Hafey (C), Bobby Dunne (A), Vernon Sollas (S).

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FLYWEIGHT — Championship Vacant. Contenders Pat Mambwe (ZAMBIA), John McCluskey (S).

To win a title used to mean that you were the best in your country, or Europe, or the Commonwealth. This was something that every boxer coveted.

But this no longer applies in Britain, and it's the old, old question of "How much?" that's the cause.

Going down the Roll of Honour, heavyweight Joe Bugner has shown no interest in either the British or Commonwealth heavyweight titles for several years. Once the holder of both, also the Euorpean, Joe won back the latter, and wasn't bothered about the other two.

Now it is rumored that Joe may even give up the European crown, because the standard of opposition in Europe is mediocre, and he can earn more in non-title fights, at the same time advancing his chances of another shot at the World title.

In the light-heavyweight class, John Coteh gave up the British, European and Commonwealth crowns after winning the WBC World title.

In the middleweights, Kevin Finnegan relinquished the British title after winning the Euorpean. The vacant crown was contested by Bunny Sterling and Maurice Hope. Sterling won, but has now also given up the crown, because he can earn more from a shot at the European title, and to defend the British within a stipulated period would interfere with his plans.

European welterweight champ John H. Stracey gave up the British crown, preferring to direct his attentions to a fight for the World crown.

So in four top divisions the British champion, the official champion, that is, can only calim to be title-holder because the previous holder gave it up.

Is this good for the sport—or bad? And if bad, what can be done in order to ensure that the best man at his weight in Britain remains the official champion, come what may.

My opinion is that in the present situation, a boxer must go after the biggest purses. His career is a comparatively limited one, and he is earning a living, the same as in any other profession.

The only way of getting around this would be for the Board of Control to extend the period allowed between defences. But again that would not be fair to the official contender.

Moreover, it does give a chance of a title to someone who had maybe thought his chance would never come, as in the case of Bunny Johnson, the present heavyweight champion. If Bugner had won back the British title, and then been involved with World eliminators, any extension of time might have been too late for Bunny.

As it is, he's the champ, something he had always dreamed about. Similarly with the other boxers who have come through to win titles, like light-heavyweight Johnny Frankham, who must have thought his chance was gone when John Conteh won the crown.

It is said that titles are made to be defended, not left in cold storage, and this is perfectly true. I do think it's a great pity if things go wrong, like they did with Kevin Finnegan. Having won the European crown, putting up a great fight to beat Jean Claud Bouttier, he gave up the British crown to concentrate on defending the European against Gratien Tonna. But Kevin boxed below his best, and was beaten. Now he has no title, and has to take his turn in the queue.

Luckily for Kevin, with Sterling also giving up the championship, he will obviously be getting another chance for the vacant crown, but it could have meant that he never got another opportunity.

Similarly with John H. Stracey. Official contender for the World title, if he should get his chance and lose he has to start British title-chasing all over again.

▲Sophia Gardens, Cardiff — Neville Meade, Swansea, 210, survived a second-round knockdown to stop Derek Simpkin, Swadlincote, 197, in the following session.

The knockdown was a complete surprise. Meade had dominated the exchanges in the first round and Simpkin had to cover up desperately as he was being caught with every punch in the book.

Then, within a minute of the start of the second session, Meade came forward, leaving enough of his chin exposed for Simpkin to land a solid right, and down went the Swansea boxer.

However, he rose at "three", managed to hold on long enough to collect his scattered senses, and with Simpkin, in his excitement, wastihg a lot of punches on thin air, soon recovered.

This was Simpkin's only chance. Thereafter it was one-way traffic, with Meade in the driving seat. With the first punch of the third round Simpkin was decked for "four", and was being freely punished when referee Joe Morgan intervened.

Billy Waith, Cardiff, 143, stopped Dave Massey, Manchester, 143½, in five, referee Adrian Morgan's intervention coming just as the bell ended that round.

Substitute Massey was plucky enough, but there was a distinct difference in class, and Waith was landing a succession of punches without reply when the stoppage came.

Johnny Wall, Merthyr, 136, kept his unbeaten record by stopping Ray Holdcroft, Stoke, 135½, at the end of the seventh, when the latter sustained a cut mouth.

A good scrap, Holdcroft ever willing to fight back against the persistent attacks of his opponent, but being gradually worn down, and cut on the face and by the mouth.

It was Wall's sixth pro bout, and the first time he had failed to get "nobbins."

Jeff Pritchard, 122½, outpointed Glyn Davies, 126, over eight by 79½-78. Yes, the same Glyn Davies that retired in 1971, with over 50 fights under his belt.

Now 32, Davies put up a great fight, and the scoreline could have been closer.

Davies was down twice, in the second and in the fourth, but was up each time before a count could be started. He also bled from a cut on the left eyebrow, but this yielded to treatment by manager Mac Williams, and didn't handicap him unduly.

As was to be expected, Pritchard kept his unbeaten record, but Davies gave him a whale of a fight, and although youth triumphed over experience, Davies gave notice that he is still a force to be reckoned with, and plans to try and win the Welsh featherweight title.

Davies formerly trained Neville Meade, and also relinquished his manager's license prior to his comeback. He must be keen.

Terry Davies, Cardiff, 156½, outscored debutant Leroy Herriott, Tredegar, 161, over eight by 79½-78½, in a bout that produced "nobbins" from enthusiastic fans.

An all-action contest with Davies landing more scoring punches and keeping up a persistent attack. Newcomer Herriott, who sports a beard and afro-style hair, besides being colourfully attired, landed a few hard punches himself, but the greater work-rate came from Davies.

Errol McKenzie, Cardiff, 151, stopped Yotham Kunda, Swansea, 147½, in three, with the latter very much on the receiving end.

▲Hornsey Town Hall, London — Promoter Ernie Fossey can look back on this show with a lot of satisfaction. A fresh venue, and a near sell-out.

I have known Ernie for many years, from the time in the early fifties when he boxed with great success as a lightweight, starting his career with a long unbeaten run.

Then he turned to management, and later matchmaking. Now he's using his vast experience to promote, and having done so at Hemel Hempstead last season, has now added a London venue to his activities.

Since Shoreditch Town Hall closed for boxing, there have been very few commercial venues in the London area for the youngsters to learn their trade, and this Hornsey success augurs well for the future.

You can judge success only by the reaction of the fans, and as THE FIRST THREE bouts produced "nobbins", no further proof is necessary.

Only one disappointment for Ernie. He had matched his own welterweight Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 148, with Roy Commosioung, Luton, 151¾, and after eight hard rounds referee Sid Nathan made Roy the winner by 78½-78; a close one, and not everyone agreed.

Hardiman started slowly, and it wasn't until the second half of the fight that he was able to make up the leeway against an opponent who counter well, and at times hit hard.

Injuries handicapped Hardiman. He was cut under the right eye, his left was practically closed, yet he kept going and Commosioung showed signs of weariness in the last couple of rounds.

A cracking fight, and credit to both for a real crowd-pleaser.

Mick Hussey, Islington, 162¼, confirmed a previous win by outscoring Kevin Paddock, Southampton, 168½, over eight by 78½-77½. Like their first encounter, this one earned "nobbins" from the fans.

The pace never slackened, with Hussey deservedly the winner, but Paddock already ready to trade punches.

Over eight twos Mick Lock, Croydon, outpointed Peter Baker, Southampton, 162½, by 79-78½. Lock was handicapped by a closed left eye, and although Baker put in a grandstand finish the latter tired appreciably in the later stages. Another nobbins bout.

Debutant Chris Williams, West Hamp, 161½, outpointed Owen Lotriet, in a nobbins bout by 59-58 over six twos. Williams was decked (no count) in the sixth. Both are brothers of more famous boxers, Chris's brother Billy, former light-heavyweight, and Owen's Stan Lotriet, former S. African light-heavy champ.

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ACTION IN EUROPE

By JACK A. TREE

PERALTA STOPS AUGUST IN 3

BERLIN, GERMANY — Veteran of a hundred fights, Avenamar Peralta, Argentine, stopped German heavyweight champion, Bernd August, in three rounds at the New World here, a small arena accommodating around 2,000.

Peralta is hoping to become a Spanish national which will entitle him to fight for a European crown. This bout was in its early stages billed as a European heavyweight eliminator but Peralta's credentials could not be finalized in time.

Germans Lothar Abend, Arno Prick, Hartmut Sasse and Hans Michel were featured on a program at Palma de Mallorca, in Spain, two losing in the first round and the other two being disqualified.

Henk Ruhling promoted at Zandvoort in Holland again. His first show there was thirty years ago in 1945. Ruhling born on July 4, 1920, has been in boxing for thirty years or more working as an agent, manager and matchmaker presenting over a hundred fighters all over the world. Henk has made over three dozen European title fights and three world championship contests. His most recent European champion was Fighting Mack who held the welterweight crown in 1968, and several of his fighters have fought European champions.

Rudi Lubbers, Holland, lost to heavyweight champion, Joe Bugner, and Jan Lubbers was beaten by former European light heavyweight champion, Chris Finnegan.

Rudi Lubbers lost a twelve rounder to Muhammad Ali, at Jakarta, on October 23, 1973. Now Rudi is the official challenger for the light heavyweight crown held by Italian, Adinolfi.

The Spanish Federation has suspended former WBC junior welterweight champion, Perico Fernandez, for six months after an inquiry into his seven round defeat by Saensak Muangsurin in Bangkok. This forbids him boxing for a world, European or Spanish title. Manager, Martin Miranda, was also suspended for six months.

Should European heavyweight champion, Joe Bugner, Great Britain, accept promoter Pete Brackeniers offer of 100,000 Swiss francs to defend his crown against Pierre Coopman, Belgium, at Antwerp, it will be the first time a European championship fight has been staged in the Flemish port since Pierre Charles, Belgium, kayoed Piet van der Veer, Holland, in two rounds forty five years ago. Bugner may well vacate his crown, leaving his challenger, Coopman, to face either Rudi Lubbers or Avenamar Peralta, for the title.

Junior middleweight champion of Europe, Eckhard Dagge, has priced himself out of business in Germany. He has however, received generous offers to make a defense against Alfonso Fernandez, in Spanin, Franz Csandl in Vienna or Vito Antuofermo in Italy.

Hamburg promoter, Wilfred Schulz, is willing to match Dagge with fellow German middleweight champion, Frank Reiche, in Hamburg, but up to now Dagge does not seem interested.

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AVENAMAR PERALTA

EUROPEAN RATINGS

(As of Oct. 15, 1975)

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
2. Bernd August (G)
3. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
4. Dante Cane (I)
5. Bepi Ros (I)
6. Rudi Lubbers (H)
7. Mario Baruzzi (I)
8. Jan Lubbers (H)
9. Jose Urtain (S)
10. Bjorn Rudi (N)

Light Heavies
* Domenico Adinolfi (I)
1. Aldo Traversaro (I)
2. Harold Skog (N)
3. Freddie DeKerpel (B)
4. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
5. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
6. Christian Poncelet (F)
7. Yannick Dufour (F)
8. Eric Nussbaum (Switz)
9. Conny Velensek (G)
10. Sergio Janilli (I)

Middleweights
* Gratien Tonna (F)
1. Max Cohen (F)
2. Jean Mateo (F)
3. Franz Csandl (A)
4. Luciano Sarti (I)
5. Roberto Benacquista (I)
6. Frank Reiche (G)
7. Jose Hernandez (S)
8. Mimoun Mahatar (S)
9. Poul Knudsen (D)
10. Germano Valsecchi (I)

Junior Middles
* Eckhard Dagge (G)
1. Jose Duran (S)
2. Antonio Cassellini (I)
3. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
4. Damiano Lassandro (I)
5. Aldo Bentini (I)
6. Moises Fajardo (S)
7. Angelo Jacopaca (I)
8. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)
9. Ben Zwerzerijnen (H)
10. Albert Torri (I)

Welterweights
* John H. Stracey (GB)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Germain Lamaitre (F)
3. Marco Scano (I)
4. Domenico Di Jorio (I)
5. Jorgen Hansen (D)
6. Jesus Gonzalez Dopico (S)
7. Giovanni Molesini (I)
8. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)
9. Yves Lefferand (F)
10. Georges Warusfel (F)

Junior Welters
* Jose Gomez Fouz (S)
1. Perico Fernandez (S)
2. Toni Ortiz (S)
3. Romano Fanali (I)
4. Bruno Freshi (I)
5. Jesus de la Rosa (S)
6. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)
7. Cemal Kamaci (T)
8. Kristian Hoydahl (N)
9. Efisio Pinna (I)
10. Roger Zami (F)

Lightweights
* Title vacant
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Miguel Velasquez (S)
3. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
4. Andre Holyk (F)
5. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
6. Vincenz Quero (I)
7. Rosario Sanna (I)
8. Enzo Pizzoni (I)
9. Ugo Poli (I)
10. Ugo Di Pietro (I)

Junior Lights
* Sven Erik Paulsen (N)
1. Antonio Puddu (I)
2. Giuseppe Mura (I)
3. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
4. Lothar Abend (G)
5. Mario Redi (I)
6. Rudi Haek (B)
7. Natale Vezzoli (I)
8. Enzo Farinelli (I)
9. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
10. Luis Aisa (S)

Featherweights
* Elio Cotena (I)
1. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)
2. Gitano Jiminez (S)
3. Michel Lefebvre (F)
4. Manuel Masso (S)
5. Sergio Emili (I)
6. Pasqualino Morbidella (I)
7. Michel Siracusa (I)
8. Guy Caudron (F)
9. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
10. Nino Jiminez (S)

Bantamweights
* Daniel Triolaire (F)
1. Franco Zurlo (I)
2. Bob Allotey (S)
3. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
4. Luigi Tessarin (I)
5. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
6. Lucio Vailati (I)
7. Gianni Carbo (I)
8. Ferdinando Ripamonti (I)
9. Jacky Bihin (F)
10. Jose Luis Otero (S)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Franco Sperati (I)
2. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
3. Franco Buglione (I)
4. Emilio Pireddu (I)
5. Dominique Cesari (F)
6. Christian Martin (F)
7. Altero Marini (I)
8. Tarcisio Boi (I)
9. Salvatore Laconi (I)
10. Pedro Molledo (S)

*European Champion

Legend: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; Fn Finland; G Germany; GB Great Britain, H Holland; I Italy; L Luxembourg; Ny Norway; S Spain; Sd Switzerland; Sw Sweden; Y Yugoslavia.

PERALTA STOPS AUGUST IN 3

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German boxers have fought 135 times for a European crown winning 70 and losing 60. Five were drawn. On 13 occasions two German boxers have fought for a European title. Should Dagge risk his crown against Reiche it will be the first meeting between two German boxers for a European crown since Karl Mildenberger beat Gerhard Zech, eight years ago in Berlin.

German middleweight champion, Frank Reiche, is a boxer in Germany nobody wants to know since he lost on points to former European middleweight champion, Kevin Finnegan with the latter going into the hospital with a broken jaw. Reiche's last bout was on May 30th when he lost to Briton Larry Paul in five rounds in Hamburg but not before decking the visitor and providing a tremendous battle. Tired of waiting for fights in Germany, Reiche journeyed to America looking for work. He visited The Ring Office and spoke with Nat Loubet and saw Ted Brenner of Madison Square Garden. Reiche joined up with Mickey Duff, Great Britain, but only one bout has come to pass that with Paul in Hamburg. Reiche always gives his customers a good fight and it is time that promoters gave him a break.

28-year-old Mate Parlow, of Yugoslavia, continues to make good in the paid ranks. Parlow, twice light heavyweight amateur champion of Europe (1971 and 1973), Olympic champion 1972, and world champion in 1974.

His appearance in the paid ranks brings back memories of another fighter from the East bloque, Laszlo Papp, from Hungary, who won gold medals at the 1948, 1952 and 1956 Olympics, and was European champion 1949 and 1951. After 300 amateur battles he joined the paid ranks at the age of 30 and six years later, in 1962, won the European middleweight crown.

Another fighter from the East bloque was Ivan Prebeg, Yugoslavia, who won the light heavyweight title of Europe in 1969 beating Eddie Avoth, Britain, for Tom Bogs vacated crown.

German promoter Willy Zeller has secured the European junior welterweight title fight between champion Jose Gomez Fouz, Spain, and challenger, Turk, Cemal Kamaci, for 101,000 Swiss francs, a hundred francs more than the bid put forward by Spanish promoters, Barmala/Pons.

Italian Alfio Righetti, who turned professional last year is going to worry a few of the top ten heavyweights in Europe in 1976.

Ex-world heavyweight champion Max Schmeling was 70 on September 28. The German boxed from 1924 until 1948 winning the world heavyweight crown on a foul against Jack Sharkey in 1930. A victory that shocked most was Schmeling's KO of Joe Louis in twelve rounds in a non-title affair in 1936.

Meeting Louis for the title two years later the Brown Bomber kayoed the German in the first round. Max has many friends all over the world and this year he requested that instead of them sending him greeting cards, telegrams or birthday presents, they should make a contribution to the German Sportsmen's Fund.

▲Berlin — Here in Germany where boxing looks like it's dying a natural death, comes news of a Muhammad Ali defense against George Foreman in Munich on February 6, 1976. A world heavyweight title fight to be staged in Germany is about as sensational as if Max Schmeling was to be one of the contestants. Believe it or not, Cassius Clay could be defending his title against Foreman at the Munich Olympic park next year.

Those behind the project, a prominent business firm, Olympic park Director Werner Gohner and local manager, Alexander Leithi who was in America recently, are even discussing a substitute were Clay to lose his crown to Joe Frazier — Frazier to defend against Foreman.

The Clay camp require £0700,000 to be deposited in a U.S.A. bank beforehand. The bout would take place at 4 A.M. for the benefit of viewers in America.

Clay's most recent visit to Germany was on September 10th, 1966. At Frankfurt, he defended his crown against Karl Mildenberger, winning in round twelve.

Eckhard Dagge, European junior middleweight champion, could meet Miguel di Oliviera, Brazil, for the latter's world crown in a supporting bout to the Clay-Foreman contest. The promoters also plan to offer Elvis Presley £100,000 to entertain the patrons in the venue prior to the big fight!

ITALY

▲Santa Teresa Gaulira — Marco Scano won the Italian welterweight title outpointing champion Domenico Di Jorio, twelve. Bantamweight. Heleno Ferreira beat Lucio Vailati, TKO3.

▲Cignone — Junior middleweight. Trento Facchiocchi outscored Lorenzo Nardillo, eight.

▲Cagliari — Junior welterweight. Giampiero Merey outscored Gianni Lamusta, eight. Claudio Tenda outscored Salvatore Laconi, TKO2.

▲Pedrengo — Light heavyweight. Ennio Cometti outscored Jose Gomez, eight.

▲Venegono — Welterweight. Giovanni Caldera and Augusto Lauri drew their six rounder.

▲Civitanova — Sergio Emili won the Italian featherweight crown outscoring champion, Pasqualino Morbidelli, twelve. Lightweight. Oscar Aparicio beat Natale Caredda, TKO3.

▲Porto Torres — Giuseppe Mura won the Italian junior lightweight crown beating champion Giovanni Girgenti, who retired with a cut eye in round seven.

▲Cignoli — Flyweight. Antonio Franca outscored Filippo Belvedere, eight.

▲Cremona — Heavyweight. Benito Penna beat Ferrucio Mazzardi, TKO3.

▲Trieste — Light heavyweight. Bruno Polloni outscored Salko Brkic, six.

▲Abbiategrasso — Junior welterweight. Luigi Mannariano outscored Jacques Mamane, six.

▲Como — Junior welterweight. Angelo Tommassini beat Gaetano Squazza, TKO3.

▲Loiano — Lightweight. Oscar Aparico decisioned Nicola D'Orazio, eight.

▲Pinarella — Junior welterweight. Princo Bandini beat Giovanni Maiorano, TKO6.

▲Rimini — Middleweight. Ramon Mendez beat Ricky Ortiz, TKO2. Jose Luis Duran beat Matt Donovan, KO3. Heavyweight. Alfio Righetti beat Jimmy Cross, KO1.

▲Frosinone — Light heavyweight. Domenico Adinolfi beat Frank Evans, TKO7. Middleweight. Elio Calcabrini beat Domenico Tiberia, who retired with a cut eye in round seven.

▲Soncino — Featherweight. Dante Guarnieri outscored Arrow Abu, eight.

▲Bari — Welterweight. Nicola Sassanelli and Ali Kaya drew their eight rounder.

SPAIN

▲Madria — Bantamweight. Fernando Bernardez outscored Andres Ramos, eight.

▲Bilbao — Junior welterweight. Marcos Paperito Jiminez beat Commonwealth champion, Jonathan Dele, TKO5. Jiminez's purse money was withheld awaiting an investigation into his one-sided victory. Fernando Sanchez outscored Miguel Araujo, eight. Bantamweight. Adolfo Osses met Fernando Bernardez and after five rounds it was declared no contest.

▲Santiagode de Compostella — Welterweight. Jose Ramon Rodriguez beat Jose Murrillo, TKO3.

▲Palma de Mallorca — Lightweight. Isidoro Cabeza beat Lothar Abend who was disqualified in round three. Heavyweight. Jose Galvez beat Arno Prick, TKO1. Manuel Quintana Trujillo beat Hartmut Sasse who was disqualified in round three. Francisco Friol beat Hans Michel, TKO1. 53 year-old Mariano Perez, a Hamburg club owner, was the promoter.

▲Valencia — Junior welterweight. Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz outscored Miguel Araujo, eight. Junior middleweight. Alfonso Fernandez beat Famoso Dongil, TKO5. Featherweight. Julio Rubio outscored Barros, eight.

HOLLAND

▲Zandvoort — In the main event James Vrij won the vacant Dutch welterweight title beating Sugar Ray, KO5 to win his ninth professional fight. Heavyweight. Sjeng ver Stappen, Holland, beat Ber Nikkelen Kuyper, Holland, KO3. Junior middleweight. Guus Bleus won his second professional fight outpointing Eddie Machen, Curacao, over six rounds.

HOLLAND

▲Wolfsberg — Junior middleweight. Josef Pachler beat Italo Duranti, TKO½.

▲Villach — Junior middleweight. Josef Pachler beat Jurgen Voss, the towel being thrown in during round eight.

GERMANY

▲Berlin — German heavyweight champion, Bernd August, was halted in three rounds by Avenamar Peralta, Argentine. Welterweight. Mehmed Besli, Turkey, 18, having his first paid bout drew a six rounder with German Alfred Fries. Lightweight. Turk Etham Ozakalim, having his fourth professional fight, stopped Jose Rios, an American soldier stationed in Berlin, in three rounds. Junior middleweight. Frank Wissenbach beat fellow German Klaus Klobes, the towel being thrown in during round two. Welterweight. Jorg Eipel, making his debut as a professional a day before his 18th birthday, outscored 37-year-old Gianpolo Piras, Italy, over four rounds.

ROSE, ON COMEBACK TRAIL WINS SPLIT VS. MATTHEWS

By RAY MITCHELL

Sydney, Australia — In the second fight of his comeback, former world bantam champ Lionel Rose, 132, struck a tartar in South African Blakeney Matthews, 131, at the Melbourne Olympic Pool. Matthews won a split decision over ten rounds.

Referee Gus Mercurio scored it 47-46, judge Malcolm Bulner 49-46, both in favor of Matthews, while judge Ken Brady carded 46-46. Press was evenly divided.

It was a great fight with little favoring either boxer at any stage until the last round when Rose tired. Even so he fought back well.

Promoter Pat Burley came out of it well and plans to use Rose again four weeks after the Matthews fight. Pat came up with some unusual gimmicks. He had boats anchored in the pool, with boatside seats on sale and a couple of lifesavers in attendance.

In the main support over ten rounds Guinea Hillier, 118, won the vacant Victoria State bantam title by outpointing Jimmy Slatter, 118, in a very good fight.

▲Blacktown R.S.L. Club — Brian Roberts, 116, had to survive a torrid last round from Big Jim West, 117½, and hit the deck a second before the final bell rang. Referee Jimmy Carruthers crowned Roberts a points winner as he was rising from the floor. The bout was for the Australian bantam title, made vacant by Paul Ferreri who, however, continues as Commonwealth champion.

Roberts boxed very well and sped around the ring as West chased him. Brian scored on the back move and when caught he boxed beautifully, quickly regained the ascendancy and kept on the move. In the 8th he had to fight when West trapped him but he outfought Big Jim then sped for the open spaces again with West in pursuit.

But you can never underestimate West. He has a marvelous motor inside him, and he decked Roberts with a left hook late in round eleven.

The 12th (last) round was all West. He stormed after Roberts who had enough points in hand to outfit a porcupine. West's only hope was a KO and he nearly brought it off. Brian was moving back fast when a looping right caught him. Roberts reeled back and sat down hard in a corner.

Came the bell and the crowning of Roberts. It was the most heart-stopping last round seen for years.

The main support over eight rounds was a good one. Big Marc Ecimovic, 210, decked Les Miller, 194, with a right to the jaw and had him in more trouble than Richard Nixon for the rest of the round. From the second through the seventh Miller banged home a left to the body each time Ecimovic set himself to throw his right. In the 8th Miller threw caution to the wind and slugged all the way with Ecimovic to give his manager blood pressure. Miller won it on points.

▲Wallsend Soccer Club — Charlie Brown, 111, won the vacant Australian flyweight title by halting Steve Walker, 111¾, in round nine on cuts. Brown held a good lead at the stoppage. Good fight, as all their fights have been, and it says much for Brown that he lost his first six meetings with Walker, drew the next then came on to win this one, the important one.

Over eight rounds Kim McCain, 139, outpointed Ceddy McGrady, 139.

▲Former Australian and Commonwealth middleweight champion Tony Mundine, who retired with his titles intact four months ago (but, of course, threw them on the open market with his retirement announcement), has made a comeback as a light-heavy. Scaling 173¼, Tony showed he has lost none of his speed as he outclassed New Zealander Joe Jackson, 175, over ten at Blacktown R.S.L. Club. But perhaps Tony's punch is not what it was, or maybe his timing was a little off, because he decked Jackson only once, and the New Zealander finished the fight on his feet. Mundine won by a large margin of points.

▲Australian welterweight champion Rocky Mattioli, 147¾, had no trouble with Canadian Fernando Marcotte, 150¾, in their ten at Melbourne Festival Hall. After an even first round Rocky took charge, won every round from then on until the bout was halted in his favor in round nine. Mattioli is too good for second raters. Bring out the best for him.

▲One of the fastest-improving boys in Australian rings is Fijian Billy Joe, 175. After a couple more fights he'll be ready for the top Australian contenders. At South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford, he knocked out Reno Zurik, 176, in the 7th round. Joe was in charge all the way though Zurik boxed well.

▲Same night, this time at Marrickville R.S.L. Club, Billy Mulholland, N.S.W. State featherweight champion, stepped up to the 134 and narrowly outpointed N.S.W. State lightweight champion Jeff Malcolm, 135. Over eight on the same bill Brian Clout, 128½, comfortably outpointed Keith Ball, 130.

▲Manly-Warrigan Leagues Club, Brookvale — Al Gattling, 174, Australia's third best light heavy, carried too much knowhow for Fijian Acki Puncher, 168, and won easily on points. Puncher, however, did not shirk an issue; he was in there punching at all times. Fight received a shower of coins.

Mrs. Vicki Williams refereed two fights on the bill and did a good job.

▲Same night at Western Suburbs Leagues Club, New Lambton — Ted Gray, 172, made a return to the ring after several months of inactivity, to axe veteran Dick Blair, 172, in the first round. Over eight comebacking Lance McConnell, 131½, showed out well in comfortably outpointing Willie Leslie, 138.

▲At Souths Juniors, Kingsford — Dally Law, 144, and Eddie Buttons, 149, staged a grand fight that drew a shower. Buttons was overweight which took some sharpness off his work but he finished well over a fading Law to almost snatch the verdict. As ref I saw it to Law by one point but each of the two judges carded it even, so a draw was the result.

▲Same venue two weeks later — Ross Fadie, 141, and Paul Bink, 141, staged a shower fight that went to Fadie by a unanimous decision. Not much in it but margin definite.

▲At North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray — Billy Mulholland, 128, outpointed Brian Clout, surprisingly heavy at 131, by a comfortable margin. Nowhere near as good as the two wars these two contested last year. They were the two best fights seen in Australia in 1974. Not a bad fight, though.

In an eight-round support Keith Ball, 128, halted Robbie Williams, 128½, in the fourth frame. Williams did well and was ahead but there was a head clash in the fourth and Williams dropped. He could not regain his feet. Cheek was x-rayed but no fracture.

▲At Marrickville R.S.L. Club — There was a last day substitute when Al Gattling went down with flu. Sekone Moce, 168, filled the breach against Ted Gray, 175, but Gray upended him in the second round.

▲At Castle Hill R.S.L. Club — Wayne Wallace, 129, edged Willie Leslie, 130, over ten. At Healesville Dave Richards, 130, outpointed Jimmy Bell, 130. At Marconi Ballroom, North Melbourne, Barry Michael outpointed Glen Howard in a lightweight fight.

SMALL BEATS WARREN FOR TEXAS MIDDLE LAURELS

By HARLAN HAAS

Galveston, Texas — Charlie Small of League City is the new Texas middleweight champion by virtue of a unanimous 12-round decision over Willie Warren of Corpus Christi. What a way for professional boxing to return after a long absence to the Moody Civic Center located just a rock's toss from the Gulf of Mexico.

The lanky, mustachioed Small used a snappy left jab to pile up points during the relatively tame first two rounds against a menacing muscle-bound Warren. The veteran Corpus Christi battler had a big third round and staggered Small with a hard left hook.

Small kept sticking and moving. Warren had Small in trouble in the seventh when he dropped his much taller foe with a left hook at the bell. The eighth and ninth rounds were split, and Small began to get more flat footed in the 10th and constantly shoved Warren off balance.

It was evident earlier in the battle that Warren is ineffective when forced backwards (one of the hazards of longevity in the ring — the legs carry you a lot better forward than they do backwards). While Warren was off balance in the 11th Small landed a crisp right hand to the jaw and Warren went down. He scrambled up quickly. Both fighters mixed it up to the delight of 1,000 screaming onlookers in the 12th and final round. You gotta hand it to Small and Warren as they battled furiously for the entire 12 rounds neither letting up a second. The three officials tabbed it 117-112, 116-112, and 118-115 all in favor of Small while the writer scored it 116-111 in his favor.

The two lady promoters, Dorothy Hailey and Diane Criss, presented Small with the belt emblematic of the Texas champions and Charlie was carried on the shoulders of wildly cheering well wishers all the way to the dressing room. Small weighed 159½, and Warren a muscular 157.

Gilbert "Machete" Galvan, 139, boxing out of Galveston, literally took the Islanders by storm when he whacked out a unanimous eight round decision over stocky Regelio Flores, 140, Monterrey, Mexico. Galvan, an exciting boxer-puncher, will obviously be a real favorite of the fans in this breezy city on the Gulf. Another eight rounder was short lived and had the crowd oohing and aahing as murderous punching little Jerry "The Fighting Leprechaun" Kornele, 126, Galena Park, dropped experienced Manuel Valdez, 128, Houston and Mexico, for the full count in 1:30 of round one. Kornele rushed out at the bell and before you could snap a finger he landed a short left hook to the chin of Valdez who went heavily for a nine count. The willing Latin was up, and Kornele moved right in after him again. A Kornele left hook to the body followed by another booming left hook to the head dumped Valdez in a heap in the center of the ring and there was no question that it was over. It upped the tenacious Kornele's pro record to 15-2-1.

Ricky Ramos, 126, Houston, copped a spirited six rounder from Robert Tijerina, 126, Ft. Worth, using an unorthodox style. A lot of punches in bunches were tossed and this curtain raiser got the show off to a rollicking start. Super vet Whistlin' Willie Watson, 142, Houston, and Martin Jiminez, 145, Houston, went on after the Small-Warren confrontation as a walkout bout. The Whistlin' man stopped his much younger foe in the fourth and final round.

The writer has seldom seen any three fighters so captivate a crowd as did Small, Galvan, and Kornele. This was what the promoters were hoping for, but they didn't line up any patsies for the trio. Now, they (the promoters) have something to sell and from the standing ovations given throughout the night's festivities it is obvious that Galveston is once again on the fistic map. Also, it was very refreshing to hear the promoters say they made a little money on the show. The prices were $4, $6, and $8.

▲Live fights were held in the Astroarena for the first time, and a sparse gathering of 800 to 1,000 fans dropped in at the 7,500 seat arena to see what was going on.

What was going on was controversy. By far and away the best fight of the night was the 12-round Texas featherweight title bout between Tony Sanchez, 124, Houston, and Vicente Ramos, 126, San Antonio.

Sanchez won the bout in the eyes of the officials, but Ramos hurt Sanchez on several occasions to make it close all the way. The handlers of Ramos loudly protested the verdict, and so did more than a few of the fans.

Maurice "Termite" Watkins, 135½, Houston, wasn't able to take command of his scheduled 10 with veteran Marion Thomas, 134, Indianapolis. Thomas came to town with one idea to hang in there, and he was repeatedly warned by referee Earle Keel to quit holding on or he was going to get tossed out. Inexperience on the part of the 18-year-old Watkins didn't help matters as he was unable to fathom the clutching tactics of the visitor. The fans sighed in relief when Thomas wilted to the canvas in the seventh and Termite was awarded a kayo.

A heavyweight go between Jody Ballard, 192, Houston, and Terry Krueger, 207, San Antonio, saw more action between Ballard and referee Chris Jordan than anything else. Krueger landed a couple of what seemed to be low blows in the first round, and Ballard became enraged. However, he took it out on the referee, and actually swung at Jordan several times. Ballard, who has been going very good in out of town rings, can fight when he elects to and it was a little sad to see a fighter who has the talent waste it on outrages against the referee.

Anyway, both Ballard and Krueger sampled a few bombs in between and Ballard was awarded a fourth round TKO over Krueger who was cut about the eye. Krueger, then, became irate thinking the fight should have been allowed to continue.

This was not a real good evening for promoter Pete Ashlock who had to drop a bundle. In a prelim bout Lamar Baskin, 138, Houston, kayoed Juan Jose Valerio, 138, San Antonio, in the third round.

▲**Jacinto City, Texas** — Frank "Little Smokey" Young unleashed a brutal two fisted assault that left game Jesse Lara of Villa Acuna, Mexico, in a crumbled heap in 22 seconds of the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round main bout at The Arena in Jacinto City.

Young, a little Joe Frazier, walked in tossing mittened bombs from the start and before the fight was two minutes old a solid left hook sent Lara sprawling to the canvas for a nine count. Lara fared somewhat better in the second round and scored with several good right hands but keeping the aggressive Young away was obviously going to be a helluva chore. Lara was stunned numerous times in the third and was down twice for nine counts. The Latin invader was decked with a wicked left hook to the groceries as the fourth round came to a halt and was saved by the bell. The bull-like Young came out fast in the fifth, maneuvered Lara into a corner and sunk a right hand wrist deep into his midsection.

Lara's legs turned to jello and he sank to the canvas to be counted out. Young weighed 152, Lara 153. It was Young's 25th win against only 4 losses, and his 21st knockout. As the Texas welterweight champion and uncrowned junior middleweight king (the title's vacant) he is pushing towards a position among the top ten.

Danny Donatto, 149, Houston, used heighth, reach, and a pair of fast feet to win a six round decision over the ever trying Eddie Mitchell, 146, Beaumont. Bill Watkins, Jr., 145, Houston, stopped Gilbert Lopez, 147, San Antonio, in the first round to run his record to 4-0. Eddie Taylor, 153, Houston, and Andy Sanchez, 154, San Antonio, engaged in a slugfest with Taylor winning by knockout in the third round. Lamar Baskin, 136, San Antonio, stopped the much shorter Arturo Cirilo, 135, San Antonio, in the fourth round of the curtain raiser.

G. VALDEZ WINS URUGUAY LIGHT TITLE VS. HORNOS

By. L. M. CASTAGNINO

Montevideo, Uruguay — Gualberto Valdez, 134, scored a fifth round TKO at 1:35 over Luis A. Hornos, 133, and won the national lightweight title.

Valdez whipped Hornos in rounds two and four, at next round a good left punch hung on Hornos knocked him to the canvas.

▲**Montevideo** — Uruguay junior welterweight champion Ariel Maciel defeated Ceferino Morales, from Argentine, by a medical decision in nine.

Angel Castro beat Herminio Leal Castro in 8.

Miguel Carbelo, unbeaten welterweight, outpointed Manuel Lira in 10.

In the junior light class, Jose Arias won by decision over Francisco Ferraro.

Hugo Carrizo drew with Ismael Diaz, from Argentine, in 10 in the feather class.

Junior lightweight Omegar Alonzo beat Vicente Viera, in 10.

Jorge Peralta outpointed Juan "Yanni" Garcia, in the middleweight class, in 10

Welterweight Miguel Curbelo TKO'ed Mario Valentini in 2. Carlos Alvarez (the Uruguayan wonder) whipped Nestor Vitadini, from Argentine, and referee Manuel Doldan stopped it in 10.

Junior lightweight Jose Arias TKO'ed Jorge Gonzalez, 3.

Omegar Alonzo beat Alcides Ferrujo, junior lightweight, in 8.

Gualberto Valdez defeated Dionibel Da Silva in 12.

Miguel Curbelo TKO'ed Anibal Pellegrino, welter, 6.

O'GRADY FIGHTS BACK TO BEAT WILSON IN 8

By TOM RAY

Omaha, Nebraska — Fighting back when injured, Oklahoma City bantamweight Sean O'Grady punched his way to a clear-cut eight round decision over Harvey "Candyman" Wilson at the City Auditorium.

O'Grady, who was cut over the left eye in the sixth round, but came on strong in the final two rounds to drop Wilson three times and bag the decision.

It was Sean's second win over Wilson. The first came two weeks earlier in Oklahoma City when O'Grady gained a ten round decision.

The second O'Grady-Wilson encounter started off much like the first with the young O'Grady attacking all the way and sending in slamming left jabs to the head of Wilson. "Candyman's" plan of attack seemed to be to move and counter punch when he could.

That was the pattern over the first five rounds with O'Grady in firm control of the fight. Early in the sixth, the two clinched and awkwardly banged heads together and when they broke, there was a cut over Sean's left eye.

The sight of O'Grady's blood seemed to spur Wilson on and he launched his first sustained attack, making the eye his target and backing Sean up.

But, when the bell rang for the seventh, Sean came out punching, hammering "Candyman" from pillar to post and dropping him with a sharp combination. Sean continued his assault into the eighth, dropping Wilson twice more and hammering him in a corner when the bell rang.

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NEL DECISIONS OLIVIER

By ED CLARK

Durban, South Africa — Andre Nel gained sweet revenge in outpointing Kokkie Olivier over 10 rounds in the junior welterweight division at the City Hall.

Both boxers served up a slugfest at their previous meeting at the same venue and the return was a natural.

It did not rise to expectations as there was continual wrestling and holding but Nel's victory was well deserved.

Olivier was down in the second via a short right and Nel was establishing his supremacy as the rounds went on by punching crisply with short lefts and rights forcing Olivier to hold on. Olivier, who specializes in body work tried to stem the tide but he did not have the strength to do this. Olivier did throw all that he had in the final stanza but Nel got a deserved victory.

Les Baker lost to Peet Bothma when he was forced to quit with a damaged right hand in the fourth. The towel was thrown in when Baker was taking punishment and not retaliating. Before the closure it was an action fight with Baker using his long left and Bothma making use of combinations. The fight was in the junior welterweight division.

Eddie Scott KO'ed Kosie Oosthuizen, 3, light heavyweights; Johnny Sham outscored Neil Lang, 4, welters; Pierre de Beer again lost to Theuns Pretorious, 6, middleweights.

▲**Johannesburg** — Norman "Pangaman" Sekgapane turned in a class performance at the Jabulani Ampitheatre by pummelling Adriano Nino Marrero over 10 rounds to take a clear-cut decision. Marrero from the Dominican Republic won the hearts of the fans for his courage and gameness in going the distance with the South African lightweight and junior welterweight title holder. Sekgapane tried harder from the fifth to end the fight but his opponent kept going and defied Skegapane's attempts. Marrero was warned for holding in the second and Sekgapane for butting. Three hard rights caught the visitor in this round and they sent him staggering. Marrero tried to dance out of trouble and was let off the hook.

From the fifth Sekgapane went after his man with hard blows to head and body but Marrero was there at the end and even stood toe to toe to exchange blows with the "Pangaman."

Ben "TNT" Lekalake scored a spectacular win over his first overseas opponent when Levie Nolasco was retired by his corner in the seventh in their junior lightweight bout scheduled for 10 rounds. The stoppage was due to a cut received in the fourth and the closure was endorsed by a ringside doctor.

Nolasco, from the Dominican Republic, made Lekalake miss badly in the first but the South African scored with his right crosses but the visitor's style was a problem. Lekalake did also score with left uppercuts.

Again in the second Lekalake was made to miss and the blows he did score with were taken by the visitor without flinching. Nolasco went body hunting in the fourth and the boxers became locked in a clinch and when separated blood was coming from a cut on Nolasco's left eye. They went after each other and a slugfest followed. In the next two stanzas Lekalake was scoring well with uppercuts then Nolasco failed to come out for the seventh.

One-time "Man-eater" McKeef Mofokeng showed some of this past glory in outscoring Daniel Maphanya over 6 in the junior middleweight division. Rafty Magadi and Jacob Marake drew over 4 rounds, featherweights; Alfred Buqwane decisioned Louis Mbogazi, 4, lightweights.

▲**East London** — Cape bantamweight titleholder Muzukisi Skweyiya scored a clear victory over the Zambian title holder Davis Natta, winning on points over 10 rounds. Skweyiya had too much knowhow for Natta who never stopped trying but was out of his class.

▲**Johannesburg** — Jimmy Richards, South African heavyweight champion, advanced his ratings when he drew with world-rated Henry Clark (U.S.A.) over 10 rounds at Wembley Stadium. The draw flattered Richards and amazed Clark who stated before the fight, "Promoter Dave Levin must just call the round and I'll put Richards away."

The American fought below expectations but Richards boxed above himself and did himself justice as he bored into Clark not wary of the visitor's reputation.

Clark, who substituted for Himmy Ellis, knocked Richards down in the fifth with a swinging left hook but the local fighter was up without a count. Richards began well winning the earlier rounds beating Clark to the punch and shook Clark with a right to the head in the second.

Clark improved as the third round came and Richards resorted to holdinb but it was Clark who was warned for a low blow. In the fourth Clark shot ahead shaking Richards with hard rights to the head. Clark's blows to the body in the fifth had an unsettling effect on Richards and in desperation Richards scored well with short uppercuts. He continued in the sixth and it was Clark's turn to be unsettled but Clark came back in the seventh with hard body blows but again was warned for low blows in the eighth.

Clark tried to finish off Richards in this round but the South African hung on. Clever inside work kept Clark in command in the ninth and in the last Clark caught his man with a left hook to the head followed by three hooks to the body. Another right to the head followed and Richards was unsteady at the end. Clark said afterwards: "What a decision, I won it man. That guy held all day." A return is on the cards.

Middleweight champion Jan Kies was no match for American David Love and the 8,000 crowd saw the South African take a hammering. Kies was sent to the canvas six times in the first, second, third and eighth rounds. Kies was dropped twice in the first and third rounds and Love could have ended the fight but only Kies's gameness saw him through.

Kies had no reply to the style of Love and Love did all the damage with straight rights. In the opening seconds a perfectly timed right had Kies down.

Kies's right eye was cut in the third and it bled throughout the fight. Love was outclassing his man having perfect balance and Kies was just moving into the damaging blows. In the fourth only did Kies come to light with a left hook caught Love in the midsection sending him to the ropes. Otherwise it was one way traffic and should have been stopped earlier.

Again in the next bout the difference in class was so great as Rafael Ortega won by miles in outpointing Gideon Borias over 10 rounds.

While Love was the cool executioner over Kies, Ortega clowned and fooled when he could have ended proceedings sooner. Borias had nothing to offer except a record in backpedaling. Borias couldn't even hit Ortega when he was taunted and his blows were easily picked off by the man from Panama. When the final round was announced the crowd cheered lustily and Ortega cut loose staggering Borias with left and right hooks.

Gert Steyn, welterweight champion, added the junior middleweight crown to his laurels as he defeated defending champion Gert Craemer on points over 12 rounds.

Steyn's rapier like left and right hooks paved the way to victory despite the guard that Craemer employed. Long right hooks had Craemer rocked as early as the first and two hard lefts added to his discomfort. Craemer was almost dropped in the second with a left right combination but rallied. Rounds six and seven saw Craemer to the fore but from the eighth it was all Steyn though Craemer made him fight all the way to win the title.

▲**New Brighton, Port Elizabeth** — Kralo defeated Simthembile Mkalipi on points over six rounds at the Centenary Hall. Kralo more experienced used crisper blows to gain the victory.

Quinsile April decisioned Johannes Shwana, 6, catchweights; Patrick Gaika lost to Fezile Mzalazala, 6, lightweights; Kulile Dolo outscored Leku Sandi, 6, featherweights.

RAMOS BEATS FRANKLIN IN OKLAHOMA BATTLE

By TOM RAY

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Former world lightweight champion Mando Ramos, 144, Los Angeles, traveled here to start on the comeback trail, but nearly saw his new career nearly shattered by Al Franklin, 140, Minneapolis.

Ramos was lucky to gain a unanimous 10 round decision.

Franklin, cheered on by his loud supporters, got off to an early lead. He pecked away with some sharp left jabs and resounding left hooks. One left hook in the first round sent Ramos' head and upper body through the ropes.

Ramos came back strongly in the third and landed a left hook that shook Franklin. But, Al managed to avoid Ramos' efforts to put him away.

Franklin came back in the fourth to give Mando a boxing lesson, but an accidental low blow in the fifth slowed Al down and allowed the ex-champ to gain solid control for the first time in the fight.

Instead of trying to knock Franklin out with one punch Ramos began using his experience and wore Al down by chopping away with lefts and rights to the body. Franklin, however, stayed right in there, occasionally landing a pesky left jab that seemed to bother Mando and throw him off.

The last round was the most exciting of the night as both men, knowing they needed this round to win, threw caution to the wind and banged away toe-to-toe with Ramos holding the slight edge.

My dad, judge Rom Ray, Sr., called the fight 98-97 for Ramos while referee James Williamson scored it 98-96 for the ex-champ. Judge Tom Hargis seemed way out of line with his 98-93 vote for Ramos.

The decision was greeted with boos and catcalls from the partisan crowd, many of whom felt Franklin had won a good close fight. However, I felt Ramos had won, but not by much.

Ramos said after the fight, "I was really off tonight. I couldn't get it together until after the fifth round, but I thought I won. Let me spend some more time in the ring and I'll knock this guy out in a couple of rounds."

Ramos also added that he would like to fight Franklin again in Oklahoma City.

In the ten round semi Oklahoma City's bantamweight bomber Sean O'Grady scored a third round knockout over outgunned jr. lightweight Simmie Black of Memphis.

O'Grady, fighting like a miniature Bob Foster, had little trouble with Black and stopped him with a murderous left hook to the stomach at 1:16 of the third.

In what proved to be the best fight of the evening, Midwest City's middleweight prospect Joe Parsons defeated Willie Houston of Lexington on a four round decision and in another middleweight clash, Jim McAlarnis of Hazzard, Ky. beat Wellston's Rocky Mathews in four.

Two weeks earlier at the Red Carpet Inn, the "Little Green Machine" Sean O'Grady boxed and punched his way to a unanimous ten round decision over veteran Harvey "Candyman" Wilson of Columbus, Ohio.

Some fans predicted that Sean might have some trouble with the quick punching, fast moving Wilson. But, that didn't prove to be the case as Sean punched quicker and moved faster than "Candyman."

O'Grady's ram-like punches had Wilson foundering throughout the match and allowed Sean to rack up his 18th straight win with no losses.

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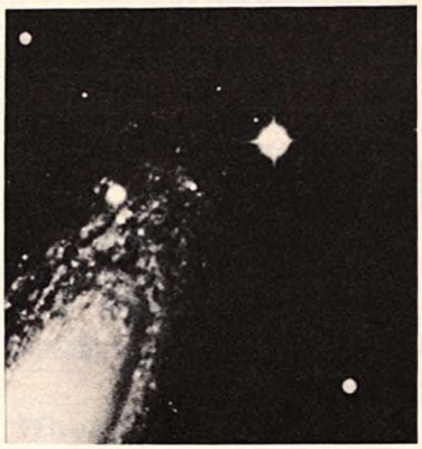

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Muhammad Ali defeats Joe Frazier, retained World Heavyweight Title.
Ron Lyle kayoed Earnie Shavers, 6.
Duane Bobick halted Pat Duncan, 8.
Raul Gorosito kayoed Pablo Castellino, 1.
Ron Stander stopped Morris Jackson, 2.
Dennis Jordan kayoed Roberto Castro, 2.
Gregory Johnson beat Joe Maye, 6.
Henry Washington stopped Mike Mitchell, 1.
Elroy Jones halted Art Robinson, 2.
Jody Ballard kayoed Gene Idlette, 5.
Vandell Woods stopped Moses Harrell, 1.
Horst Geisler halted Reggie Flemming, 2.
Oliver Wright kayoed Tommy Howard, 6.
Al Migliorate beat Al Monday, 6.
Larry Holmes kayoed Obie English, 7.
Sergio Rodriguez outpointed Brian O'Melia, 8.
Jose Urtain beat Jose Galvez, 12.
Smokey Middleton kayoed Sylvester Wilder, 2.
Jimmy Smith stopped Otis Gordon, 4.
Leon Shaw kayoed O. T. Davis, 2.
Leroy Diggs drew with C. J. Brown, 6.
Scott LaDoux outpointed Brian O'Melia, 10.
Mark Hans lost to Bob Yarborrough, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Victor Galindez outpointed Pierre Fourie, 15, W.B.A. light heavyweight title.
Len Hutchins beat Terry Lee, 10, U.S. light heavyweight title.
Richie Kates halted Ron Wilson, 7.
Tom Bethea decisioned Angel Oquendo, 10.
Mike Rossman beats Mike Quarry, Quarry outpointed Tami Santiago, 10.
Ned Hallacy halted Robert Williams, 8.
Tracy Morrison outpointed Al Banks, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Bobby Watts kayoed James Marshall, 9.
Juan Bogado halted Antonio Aguilar, 12.
Hugo Corro stopped Camilo Gaitan, 4.
Vinnie Curto drew with John Pinney, 10, Pinney was kayoed by Gene Wells, 6.
Eddie Davis stopped Otis Gordon, 2.
Mario Rosa beat Chris Black, 10.
Felton Marshall drew with Joaquin Macias, 10.
Ernie Witt kayoed Dave Tate, 2.
Ray Smith halted George Jacobs, 2.
George Jacobs outpointed Ernie Witt, 6.
Mel Dennis beat Charlie Small, 10.
Burt Hayes halted Eddie Queen, 7.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Mike Baker beat Gary Bailey, 10, kayoed Charlie Fullard, 3, both U.S. junior middleweight title bouts.
Miguel de Olivaire kayoed Don Cobbs, 5, non-title.
Ramon Mendez kayoed Ricky Ortiz, 2.
James Marshall stopped by Bobby Watts, 9.
Perry Abner halted Efrain Gonzalez, 1.
Raul Sosa drew with Oscar Quevedo, 10.
Esteban Osuna beat Roque Roldan, 12.
Victor Perez kayoed Cisco Oliver, 1.
Marvin Hagler stopped Jesse Bender, 1.
Edgar Ross halted Max Horde, 2.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Johnny Gant drew with Harold Weston, 10.
Kevin Morgan kayoed Nick Ortiz, 2, Ortiz stopped Jorge Sander, 1.
Tony Petronelli defeated Jose Carabello, 10.
Mario Miranda lost to Rogelio Zarza via TKO in 10.
Ramon Peralta beat Alberto Zumofer, 10.
Ronnie Gibbons defeated Pablo Rodriguez, 8.
Carmelo Cruz beat Chris Gonzales, 4.
Larry Bonds kayoed Jessie Lara, 7.
Bob Pompeo decisioned Al Romano, 8.
Ricky Tomstis beat Grataen Hart, 8.
Amando Ramos outpointed Al Franklin, 10.
Lawrence Hafey stopped Clyde Washington, 4, Paul Johnson, 1.
Billy Backus kayoed Marc Gervais, 10.
Rocky Mattioli halted Fernand Marcotte, 9.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Adolph Viruet beat Monroe Brooks, U.S. junior welterweight title.
Antonio Cervantes kayoed Kiyoshi Kazama, 6, non-title.
Carlos Giminez stopped Ramon Perez, 7.
Nicolino Loche beat Javier Ayala, 10.
Barry Sponagle halted Ahmet Tosci, 8.
Ray Milton beat Tony Lopez, 6.
Maurice Quillan stopped Al Banks, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Hugo Gutierrez beat Juan Vedia, 10.
Randy Shields outpointed Arturo Pineda, 10.
Ramon Duarte kayoed Oscar Tapia, 7.
Miguel Mayon beat Centavito Hernandez, 10.
Marcos Barahona beat Terrance Turner, 4.
Curtis Harris outpointed Hector Sanchez, 4.
Jose Fernandez decisioned Dom Monaco, 10, Monaco halted Bobby Guthridge, 5.
Julio Valdez defeated Eduardo Santiago, 10.
Rudy Hernandez beat Nacho Castaneda, 10.
Pete Constancio decisioned Juan Arcos, 6.
Billy Parks kayoed Cisco Garcia, 2.
Termite Watkins stopped Larry Peterson, 5.
Johnny Copeland halted Willie Daniels, 8, Dennis Haggerty, 5.
Juan Hidalgo kayoed Rocky Orengo, 7.
Gene Prado beat Tony Martinez, 10.
Al Franklin stopped Danny Stark, 2.
Rick Folsted decisioned Ron Pettigrew, 6.
Otoniel Martinez halted Frank Otero, 7.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Alfredo Escalera drew with Lionel Hernandez, 15, W.B.C. junior lightweight title.
Tyrone Everett defeated Ben Ortiz, 10, U.S. junior lightweight title.
Vilomar Fernandez outpointed Ray Lunny III, 10.
Victor Echegaray lost to Alberto Herrera, 10.
Mario Ortiz beat Jorge Gomez, 8.
Miguel Maldonado halted Pedro Aguero, 6.
Oscar Albarracin kayoed Alberto Rodriguez, 2.
Ruby Ortiz beat Jose Resto, 8.
Roy Hernandez stopped Ignacio Bravo, 5.
Luis Aisa outpointed Antonio Gomez, 10.
Jerome Artis drew with Alfonso Evans, 8.
Armando Mendietta outpointed Bonnie Necessario, 8.
James Buscerne halted Jose Ramirez, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Dave Poison Kotey beat Ruben Olivares, 15, W.B.C. featherweight title.
Art Hafey decisioned Salvatore Torres, 10.
Lionel Hernandez drew with Alfredo Escalera, 15, W.B.C. junior lightweight title.
Rigoberto Riasco defeated Luis Avila, 12.
Oscar Mendez beat Juan Garcia, 10.
Jose Casas drew with Carlos Martinelli, 10.
Danny Lopez halted Antonio Nava, 6.
Carlos Garcia drew with Miguel Meza, 5.
Pete Padilla stopped Tom Brown, 2.
Leo Lopez beat Johnny Burr, 4.
Terry Allen outpointed Love Allotey, 8.
Warren Matthews kayoed Frank Palafox, 3, Johnny North, 2.
Nini Jiminez beat Adolfo Osses, 8.
Kenny Weldron defeated Frank Palifax, 10.
Jose Bisbal outpointed Ramon Garcia, 12.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Alfonso Zamora kayoed Thanomjit Sukothai, 4, retained World Bantamweight Title.
Carlos Zarate stopped Benicio Sosa, 4.
Leo Cruz beat Francisco Villegas, 10.
Wilfredo Gomez kayoed Joe Guevara, 5.
Heleno Ferreira stopped Lucio Vailati, 3.
Julio Saba beat Gilberto Lopez, 10.
Valentino Ramos outpointed Cornell Hall, 10.
Billy Lee Hunter lost to Manuel Fuentes, 10, beat Fuentes, 10.
Sean O'Grady kayoed Billy Miller, 3, beat Harvey Wilson, 8.
Andres Hernandez stopped Ben Ali, 2.

FLYWEIGHTS

Miguel Canto kayoed Jiro Takada, 11, to retain World Flyweight Title.
Ignacio Espinal stopped Manuel Montiel, 9.
Pablo Jiminez beat Leo Palasios, 10.
Miguel Lazarte drew with Tito Pereyra, 10.
Felix Gonzalez outpointed Juan Brizuela, 10.
Betulio Gonzalez kayoed Mariano Garcia, 2.
Tony Rocha stopped Tony Moreno, 5, U.S. flyweight title, Jose Diaz, 2.

CORRECTION

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Top caption on page 53 should read Robert Cassidy, just after being stopped in the 8th round by TKO, by Jose Gonzales, on May 24, 1972.

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WORLD RATINGS

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Canada's Art Hafey moved into the No. 1 spot

Examination of the bantam class shows that world champion Alfonso Zamora beat Thailand's Sukhothai.

Flyweight Miguel Canto, Mexico, defeated Japan's Jiro Takada and retained the flyweight title.

PUNCH LINES

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He got by the first round because his opponent knew his condition and would not hit him. In the second round Chacon folded like an old opera hat. Chacon's condition was known in the enemy's camp. Despite rumors the fight drew $410,000 and Chacon picked up $150,000. He says he is ready to enter the lightweight class but boxing will not miss him if he leaves the ring.

Brady Galligos
Los Angeles, Cal.

PLAY FAIR WITH BETHAM

I manage Carlos Mark of Trinidad, and wish to file an official complaint with the British Boxing Board of Control about the treatment in the ring accorded Carlos against Monty Betham.

The match took place in New Zealand. It was a fifteen rounds for the Commonwealth Middleweight Championship.

Three rounds were cut short, not the legal 3 minute rounds. In one round, Carlos had Monty hurt and ready for KO, when the bell rang with only one minute of the round elapsed.

U.S. FLYWEIGHT CHAMP MORENO RETIRES

San Antonio, Texas—Tony Moreno called it a career because of poor vision from his left eye. He is still making good use of that eye, but an eye specialist told him to hang 'em up before his vision is further impaired.

Moreno's career started in 1971, his record to date is 12 wins, 7 defeats and 3 draws. He scored 7 knockouts being kayoed twice himself. He beat top boxers such as Vincente Pool, Robert Alvarez and John McCluskey; drew with Paul Ferreri and Victor Roche; lost to Betulio Gomzalez, Masao Ohba and current flyweight king Miguel Canto.

Moreno U.S. flyweight crown now passes on to Las Vegas, Nevada's Willie Jensen, who is undefeated in 10 bouts from 1973 to the present.

The referee constantly hindered Carlos from fighting his best, and it was an unfair decision. The delayed tape of the match brought out the short rounds, and the unfair biased work of the referee. This was picked up by the Wellington Press.

I wish this protest on the short rounds and the referee bothering Mark to get Mark and Betham matched again with strict observing of boxing rules by the club officials and the referee so that a true Commonwealth Champion can be named. Mark won a decisive fight when they boxed before in Auckland, and on the basis of the improper timing, he is entitled to meet Betham again before a champion is declared.

Enclosed is an article by the Chairman of the Wellington Boxing Assn. run in the papers three days before the fight. He was intended as one of the judges.

Thanking you for this consideration, which I know you will be fair with, and trust Mark is given another Betham match.

Joseph M. Scorcia
New York City

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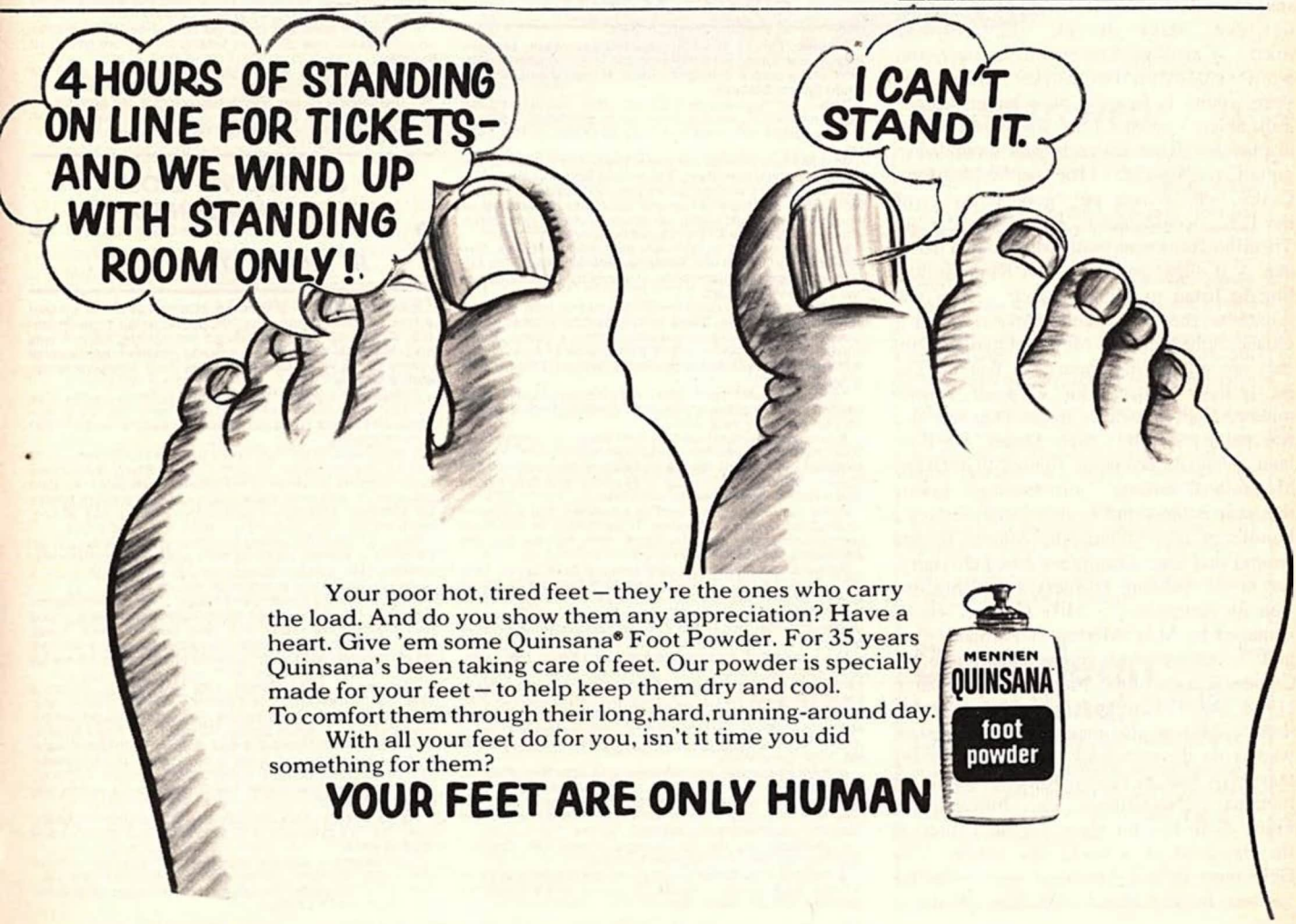

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RINGSIDE

(Continued from page 46)

daughter of fight trainer Lou), and when I look out the window at Dempsey's it kinda hurts a bit at that. . .vacant, after all these years. . .Here's a "stunner," Mickey Davies packed it in in San Diego, boxingwise, more on that later. . .Mickey still runs the wrestling in that West Coast city. . .Don Fullmer who was always in the top ten for 10 years, and who retired 4 years ago, claimed he could not get more than three or four thousand for a bout all that time. . .says he would have been better off financially digging ditches—now brother Gene, who was the king, did a mite better at the game. . .Johnny Rico, Tucson, Arizona welter was reported fine after surgery for blocked veins to his heart. . .His boxing days could be over; however. . .always good to hear from Jimmy O'Gatty, brother of the late Packey, who is in Los Angeles recovering from a heart attack at the age of 73 years—keep punching old buddy!! Bill Daly took the fight with Lou Bizzaro for his fighter Hector Matta. This fight was offered to this writer for Tony Petronelli, but his handlers (Petronelli's) figured they didn't need the money—or the exposure—wonder why?? One thing is for sure, former lightweight champ Mando Ramos is in good shape in this comeback effort, but I doubt if he can make it all the way at that. . .Caroline Stevensen, a part-time waitress-construction worker, who is 34 years young is figuring on a boxing career. Talk about women's lib!! She would like to display her fistic wares in and around Virginia City, Nevada. . .The word is that Fidel Castro, who is now on "good terms" with the U.S., would like to pit his amateur ace Theofilio Stevenson with Muhammad Ali—that is if super-promoter Don King, is willing to listen to such a match. . .You will remember Stevenson is the bloke who did in Duane Bobick in the Munich Olympics and they are still talking about "his feat" in Cuba. . .Fay Moore, the wife of former middleweight contender Roger Donohue is a fine painter in oils. . .Sam Singer, the Portland, Oregon, promoter figures that Denny Moyer will resume "mitt-tossing" before this year is out—that is after Denny makes a bundle of money building houses in and around that city. Denny and his dad, Harry, are in the building business and doing real well for themselves. . .Mike Colbert, who is managed by Mike Morton of Portland, Oregon, is another fine young ring prospect—Colbert is a two-time National AAU champ (1968 and 1972), and is headed for stardom. . .Morton also manages Ray Lampkin, who is on the comeback trail after suffering that kayo loss to champ Roberto Duran, in Panama. . .Norristown, Pa., businessman Frank Gelb has his tiger Tyrone Everet on the threshold of a world title match. Now Gelb must fight a "political war" with the various boxing boards—W.B.A.-W.B.C.-etc, and then line up the shot. . .Former heavyweight contender of the Joe Louis era, Bob Pastor, now toils as a security guard in upstate New York. . .Mel Epstein, who manages Mike Nixon, is again "down in the dumps," after Nixon caught a kayo shot from so-so Mike Rossman. . .Mike Mitchell is the latest young heavyweight hope displaying his fistic wares in West Coast rings. He is a former San Diego State and U.S.C. football player. . .Sugar Ray Seales came East full of fight, but it was Cyclone Hart who deflated the Seales bubble with a good win. Hart pressed, and Seales seemed to try to punch with the puncher—which you do not do!! Poor advice from the Sugarman's corner. . .for sure. . .Carl Duva, who manages Irish Christy Elliott, the Irish import, has taken over the management of Eddie Parks, a good welter—sort of building up a stable of his own in New Jersey. . .Look for middleweight champion Carlos Monzon to desert the fight beat after this year, and devote his time to the movies. He has already appeared in many pictures in South America, and feels that there is no one left for him to fight in the division.

PEREZ STOPS VINCENT IN FOUR IN ORLANDO

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

Orlando, Fla. — The long awaited showdown between local rivals Victor (Taco) Perez and Joey Vincent finally took place before a record crowd at Pete Ashlock's Orlando Sports Stadium.

Perez, 152, captured the Southern junior middleweight title with a fourth-round knockout over archrival Vincent 148½, in a grudge battle that more than lived up to the pre-fight build-up.

As 3,249 fans jammed the arena, Perez and Vincent battled evenly in a torrid first round. The second session went to Vincent, who landed with his potent right and appeared to have the Taco Kid wobbly on several occasions. It seemed as though Vincent would repeat his 16-month old win over Perez, whom he stopped on a butt-induced cut previously.

By the third round, though, with the crowd on its feet, Vincent had shot his bolt and Perez began to come on. The two battlers slugged it out toe-to-toe in as thrilling an encounter as has ever been seen here.

By the fourth, with almost every fan hoarse from shouting, Perez began thumping home right uppercuts as Joey's legs turned to jelly. Taco's cornermen, Jimmy Williams, Frank Brazell, and Bill Watkins, urged their charge to keep up the pressure, and the resident of nearby Sanford followed their orders to the letter.

Punch after punch bounced off each man's head until Perez stepped in with a jolting uppercut, then followed with a right to the chin and down went Vincent.

Joey's head bounced hard on the canvas as referee Gen. David Hanlon counted him out at 2:24 of the fourth. Vincent remained out cold for several minutes, as his corner of Earl Quillen, Solomon McTier, Larry Anzalone and chic blonde trainer named Pam worked to revive him.

Perez has never been known as a puncher, and had never knocked out anyone cold before. To be honest, he has never been known as any kind of a fighter, since his record at one point was a lackluster 14-20-1.

But hard work, dedication, and raw guts have turned Taco into a local folk hero. Over the last 13 months, he fought no fewer than 17 times, with a 14-2-1 mark in that span, for an overall 28-22-2 record and 13 kayos. This was the 27-year-old draftsman's 10th fight of the year, and obviously the pinnacle of his career. Vincent slipped to 13-2-2.

The semifinal 10-rounder saw Irish Gene Wells, 158, Orlando, regain his winning touch with a sixth-round TKO over Sammy Barr, 158, Nassau. Gene, whose 10-bout winning streak was ended with a split decision loss in Tampa to John Pinney and then a kayo defeat to unbeaten Elisha Obed only two weeks before, has changed his style completely and is now a take-charge, aggressive fighter. The fans applauded the "new" Gene Wells.

A third 10-rounder saw comebacking Irish Billy Wagner, 183, Cleveland, stop Joe Boyde, 193, Brunswick, Ga., in the second round, with three knockdowns. Wagner, who once drew with Mike Quarry, could find himself rematched with the local light heavyweight ace this fall.

A scheduled six saw Ed (Savage) Turner, 178, Orlando, stop George Clark, 171, Brunswick, in four.

▲Promoter Pete Ashlock's Southern title doubleheader was a tremendous success, despite the nightly torrential summer rains that hurt attendance badly.

In the final bout, Irish Gene Wells, 159, Orlando, gained sweet revenge as he dominated and brutalized former conqueror John Pinney, 160, Tampa, and captured the Southern middleweight title with a bloody sixth-round TKO.

Wells, a split decision loser to Pinney three months earlier, began teeing off with crackling right hands and it was only a matter of time before one connected. It happened as early as round two, when Pinney walked into a bomb and was badly hurt.

John's tremendous heart and great physical condition enabled him to hang in there round after round, as Wells stalked and fired, and Pinney sought to battle back. By the third, John was bleeding from a broken nose and a cut cheekbone, and these injuries continued to worsen as Wells banged home shot after shot. By the fifth, the fans were begging referee Dave Hanlon to stop it, although Pinney was obviously eager to continue.

Unfortunately, he had neither the punch nor the clearness of mind to reverse the pace of the fight, and when Hanlon finally did intervene midway through the sixth, the battered and gory Pinney was given a standing ovation for his heroic showing.

Wells, too, was loudly cheered for his second straight stellar showing. Battling back from a pair of defeats, Wells scored his second straight kayo in an overall 37-6-3 record, with 16 KOs. He has now won 15 of his last 18, and is a match for any 160-pounder in the country. Pinney slipped to 24-2-2.

Undefeated Termite Watkins, 134, Houston but fighting out of Oralndo, gained the vacant Southern lightweight title from a disappointing Larry Peterson, 135, Jacksonville. Peterson, quite vocal about what he intended to do to his fellow 18-year-old rival, turned out to be a much better talker than fighter, and refused to answer the bell for the fifth round.

Referee Mike Quarry counted out Peterson in his corner, as the fans booed Larry and his dismal showing. The ballyhooed showdown between the two teenaged stars did not live up to expectations. Termite kept his end of the bargain, but Peterson was no match in either ability or intent.

Watkins, now 20-0, scored his 11th KO with an easy, if not especially thrilling, performance. While Termite tried to fight, Peterson clinched and held, or stuck his head through the ropes and then complained bitterly when Watkins would hit him in frustration. The only ruse Peterson didn't employ was spitting out his mouthpiece to gain a rest, which is probably just as well considering the danger of Termite's flying fists. In short, what was billed as a grudge match ended as a mismatch, with Termite getting cheered and Larry, now 12-3-2, getting jeered. It was the 11th fight of 1975 for Termite.

Jodie Ballard, 194, Termite's busy heavyweight stablemate, ran into some unexpected opposition from veteran Eugene Idlette, 198, Vero Beach, Fla. Ballard, in his ninth start of the year, was outboxed for a round or two but began whipping home some tremendous body shots and Idlette began to wilt.

When he'd had enough, Idlette elected to also remain in his corner at the start of the fifth round, claiming a badly injured left hand, which later proved to be a broken thumb.

It started off good, but Idlette got hooted out of there when he quit. Ballard, now 20-3, was fighting for the 23rd time in 16 months.

Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross, 158, Orlando, needed only two rounds to dispose of game but poorly conditioned Max Horde, 151, Fernandina Beach, Fla. Ross, going to the post for the 14th time this year, is now 19-1-1, the most active boxer in the world. He's due to be stepped up in class soon.

DENNIS GIVES CROSS KO BEATING IN SIX

By FRANK KOWALCZYK

Hartford, Conn. — It was the 24th win in a row without a loss for Dino Dennis the 205 pound belter from Attleboro, Mass. who calls Providence his fighting base. It was also his 13th KO win, an unlucky number for hapless Jimmy Cross who came all the way from Memphis to absorb a beating.

Dennis had superior fire power and a flawless defense as he won every round, but there were many interesting moments and the hot toe to toe exchanges had the crowd of 800 or more howling.

It was a hard fought fight until 2 minutes and 30 seconds of round 6 of a scheduled 10 when Cross suddenly fell helpless to the constant onslaught of the Rhode Island belter. As Dino delivered 14 solid head shots in a row without a return referee Sal Maltempo stopped the bout at the 2 minute and 30 second mark.

Brian O'Melia, 205, Jersey City, didn't allow his bout to go beyond the second canto as he caught Joe Hocker, 185, Yonkers, with a right uppercut on the whiskers to score a clean KO win at the one minute 30 second mark!

Joey Giardello's fighter Leroy Diggs, 200, of Swedesboro, New York, had his hands full as he traded punches for 5 good rounds with Eddie Casey, 210, New Bedford, Mass. It was close up until that point. Suddenly Leroy delivered a left right left combination and Casey crumbled to the canvas for the full 10!

Connecticut's Jessie Bender, 153, New Haven, ran into a tiger from Hoboken by the name of Bobby Payton who seemed too big for Jess at 160. Every time he delivered a solid shot on his button Bender fell apart and forgot what to do. By the end of round 2 it was obvious that Payton would soon be the winner. In round 3 he opened up and Bender took 20 punishing blows in a row without a return. At the 50 second mark referee Walter Longo came to his rescue and stopped the mess.

Jimmy Shears, 152, New Jersey, KO'ed Tommy Smith, New York, in 2 minutes and 10 seconds of round number 3 of a scheduled 6.

The opening 4 rounder saw Roman Ranguello, 170, of Mexico City, KO Kenny Jones, 172, New Haven, in just 1 minute of the first round. It might be mentioned here that Jones was KO'ed in all his fights.

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OLD BROADWAY

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Al Letty, Staten Islander, who is a member of Berlenbach's Ring #21, in Brooklyn, of which he was once recording-secretary, as well as being a member of the Staten Island Baseball Old Timers, was quite a scrapper in his days when he battled as a lightweight. Letty and his wife, Terry, are very popular among the VBA rings. Letty recalls when he was a bellhop on the transport Chateau Thierry in the early 1930s, and while on board boxed in Panama City, Manila and Balboa.

Among the men he fought in the ring were Frankie Cuneo, Pedro Lopez, Al Humbold, Henri Salle, Vic Amato, Eddie 'Kid' Reed, Tommy DeSantis, Frenchy Deglane, Dick Beauregard and Ken Hall. A salute to a wonderful couple, Terry and Al Letty!

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Jackie 'Kid' Berg, former junior welterweight king, is well known to Americans because of his performances in our rings when he fought most of the greats. His brother Willie, a quiet sort, may be a stranger but he really was the first manager of the Whitechapel gladiator when he brought him to America in 1928 and became a silent partner in his management along with the late Frankie 'Jay' Jacobs and Sol Gold, a successful combine.

The story is this: While brother Willie was visiting his relatives in London, and before he could see Jackie, he received word that his wife Kate, 68 years old, was very sick. She passed away shortly after. The Bergs have two children, Stanley and Leona. Jackie's brother Willie is now retired after being with the N.Y. Central Railroad for 35 years. Willie is a member of Al Reid's VBA Ring #8, in Manhattan.

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In the September issue we mentioned about meeting a fellow who said he was Eddie Shea, the former bantam star, who came from Chicago. We wrote a piece about him. Two letters came telling us that Eddie Shea, who fought many champions, had passed away a long time ago. Charles Pat Scala wrote us about it and then a letter from Willie Gilzenberg, wrestling and boxing entrepreneur, who also mentioned about Shea.

Willie said Babe Pelleccho, a good Newark feather of the late 20s and 30s, was all shook up over the story, saying he was a good friend of his former opponent until Shea passed on.

We met this man at Dr. Max Novich's place in South Orange, N.J. It just shows you never can tell. One thing we're now positive about is that Eddie Shea, who fought around here with Charlie Phil Rosenberg and many others, passed away long ago.

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As we were going to press we learned that Jack Singer, of the Flame Steak, and manager of Eddie Gregory, middleweight challenger, was mourning the passing of his brother Henry, 55, who passed away at his home in Chicago, where the Singers all lived.

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Jake LaMotta, former middleweight champion, known as the "Bull of the Ring," who was a rugged competitor, is all excited about his new setup. They're producing a film based on the book "Raging Bull," with Robert DeNiro playing the LaMotta role, even being taught how to simulate the boxer's role. Jake anticipates a successful film and a new bankroll.

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Before going to press we learned of the passing of Eli Hanover, boxer and promoter in the Maryland sector, his arenas being located in the Capitol Center, Landover, Md., and the Steel Workers Hall and Civic Auditorium, in Baltimore. Hanover, who was 54, was a pro boxer in the thirties.

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Much ado was made when John Conteh, of Liverpool, claimant of the world crown, met and defeated Bronxite Willie Taylor in Scranton. We remember years back when Tommy Loughran, light heavyweight king, clashed with Pete Latzo, of Scranton, one-time welter king, in a ten round bout in Wilkes Barre, Pa., on July 16, 1928, which Loughran won on decision. That was quite a promotion at the time.

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A boxing columnist reported that Joe Garfield, promoter and manager, had passed away. Joe had been ill. Glad to report the yarn wasn't true. Joe is still around the boxing beat, promoting shows in Kingston and Albany, N.Y.

CAPITAL CENTRE PROMOTER HANOVER DIES IN PRIME

By ED SCULLEN

Baltimore, Md. — The local boxing scene suffered a shock with the recent death of 54-year-old promoter Eli Hanover from cancer. Hanover was the flamboyant, effusive showman who had rescued boxing here from the doldrums in the mid-60's and continued on for the next ten years. Operating first Steelworkers Hall and later the downtown Civic Center, Hanover had moved the bulk of his operation within the last year to the new Capital Centre Arena located just outside of Washington, D.C.

He had appeared in fine shape in recent months putting on several shows at the Capital Centre including an Emile Griffith-Leo Saenz match in June. His last show, a Duane Bobick-Pat Duncan match-up went off on schedule one week after his death thanks to the capable handling of veteran fight man Eddie Hrica.

Hanover had apparently fully recovered from a tumor operation last summer, but about four weeks before his death Hanover entered the hospital complaining of stomach pains. The end was mercifully quick.

Eli Hanover first sprang to prominence here in 1965 when he promoted his first show at Steelworkers Hall featuring Johnny Gilden and Ricky Ortiz. A friendly, outgoing guy, Hanover soon captured the imagination of the press with a style reminiscent of Jack Kearns, Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs.

Perhaps his long career as a Merchant sailor and a later venture as owner and greeter of the Jewel Box night club located on Baltimore's famed Block helped to build his image.

It was soon apparent that a real showman had breathed life back into boxing.

Once the press caught Eli's act, the stories and the fight crowds kept getting better. Eli was variously described as "rafish" and "Runyonesque," "the non-stop talker from Baltimore" and "boxing's one-man-gang." The descriptions never did justice to the real thing. Eli was one-of-a-kind.

Despite a habit of murdering the English language, Eli's gung-ho, zany approach to boxing was hard to resist. For example, once at a boxing luncheon he said, "I'd like to introduce everyone on the "diocese." And when he first applied for a promoters license he promised the Maryland State Athletic Commission he would run shows with "irregularity."

Recently, he had developed the aggressive middleweight Leo Saenz who he fondly called a real "Nanimal." In 1974 at a World Boxing Association luncheon held at Sabattino's restaurant in little Italy Eli was the hit of the affair when he greeted boxing representatives from all over the world with a short greeting. "I only want to make one point at this time," he said. "In the words of my people, Shalom and Bon Appetit."

At the time of his death Hanover was only a notch below national prominence and many boxing people expected the zesty Hanover to reach the top of the ladder shortly. This belief was based on the fact that Eli had built a real identity for boxing in the past few years and that he had exclusive use of the new Capital Centre Arena. (cap. 19,000)

Over the years Hanover featured a wide variety of boxers in his productions. Initially Hanover led off with local stars such as Johnny Gilden, Herbie Lee, Buddy Boggs, Ralph Palladin, Larry Middleton and others. Out-of-towners like Jack Tillman, Pete Toro, Percy Pugh, Angel Espada, Alvin Phillips, Sonny Liston, Jimmy Ellis, Oscar Bonavena and Emile Griffith furnished potent opposition.

In May of 1974, "Sports Illustrated" magazine featured Hanover and his boxing operations in a romantic, schmalzy manner entitled: On the Block—The Way of All Flesh. In an on-the-scene interview, Hanover praised his fighters to the sky in his Sports Activities Gym to the pulsating beat of music filtering up from the Jewel Box night club located directly below.

But the real life story of Eli Hanover born in a tough Jewish-Italian neighborhood at the corner of Granby and Exeter Streets here on Nov. 29, 1921 had more romance than any boxing story ever dreamed up by Hollywood.

Hanover's Dad was a Street Arab and Eli himself took to the streets at an early age to help support the family. When he was 14 Eli discovered boxing and began his life-long love affair with the sport. He fought about 50 amateur bouts winning all but three; later he campaigned professionally as a lightweight winning 14 of 15 bouts.

GARDEN FORUM REPOENS WITH BETHEA WIN

By SAM TAUB

The Felt Forum, after being closed down to pro boxing all year, re-opened with an interesting show, which was marked by no Forum outbursts of the past. The winner of the feature ten spot, which started at 17 minutes to nine saw Tom 'The Bomb' Bethea, Brooklyn, 177¼, score a split duke over another better than thirty year old mittslinger, Angel Oquendo, from the Bronx, who scaled at 178.

It was another toe to toe scrimmage most of the way but this time Bethea, suffering a slight lump over his left eye, was the better mechanic and in our book won from the fourth round on after Oquendo had made a good start.

Bethea was the sharper puncher in the exchanges and deserved the win. As for the official scoring, referee Arthur Mercante and judge Artie Aidala had it 6-4 for the winner and judge Tony Costellano had it 5-4-1 for the loser.

The co-feature ten, a replay from their first scrap over in New Jersey's Embassy Hall, saw Mario Rosa, from Paterson, N.J., gain a unanimous win over Chris 'Bad Man' Black, from Jamaica, L.I., in which both scaled 161 pounds.

In New Jersey they have two minute rounds while here we have the regulation three minute stanzas, but the fighting was the same, a thousand punches tossed and few landing. Rosa was the better dancer. Both came in with fair records as kayo artists but the only time one went down was ruled a slip by referee Paul Venti.

The six rounder saw rangy Gregory Johnson, New York, 207, outscore Joe Maye, Hartford, Conn., 195, in an interesting scrap, in which the taller Johnson tried to emulate Muhammad Ali and the loser kept boring in a la Joe Frazier.

A pair of fours opened the card and they were good. In the first skirmish, Marcis Barahona, from Managua, Nicaragua, 135½, whipped Terrance Turner, from Newark, N.J., 133½, in a hurrdinger, in which the loser scored the lone knockdown in the second round but the winner won the other cantos.

The other four, also well contested, also resulted in a unanimous win for Curtis Harris, out of Paterson, N.J., over Hector Sanchez, Bronxite, another lightweight gettogether. Harris made all the good moves and was impressive.

It was the first show under the supervision of the newly appointed chairman of the State Athletic Commission, James A. Farley, Jr. Announced attendance was 1,922 with the paid attendance, commission figures, 1,640 and a gate of $9,018.25, which was considered interesting.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Q. I understand that there are a few fights which may be listed as fakes. What were they?

Joe Muldauer
Baltimore, Md.

A. Jake LaMotta has admitted taking a dive in the fourth against Billy Fox. Joe Gans undoubtedly took a dive against Terry McGovern in the second. Jack Johnson is suspected of having feigned a KO against Jess Willard in 26 at Havana. Another heavyweight title fight came under suspicion but the evidence was not conclusive. Considering the temptations and the opportunities fighters have been extremely clean.

Q. For the last four years there has been a lot of discussion in the papers about a match for the lightweight title between Roberto Duran and Ken Buchanan. Now Ken has retired but the Garden still talks about that match. What has it been all about?

Juan Cervantes
Panama City, R.P.

A. Basically it has been a matter of money. Secondly, Duran would rather fight Jose Napole, the world welterweight champion.

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BUSCEME AND COPELAND SCORE OVER SOFT FOES

By C.A. JACKSON

Lake Charles, Louisiana — A turnout of 900 trekked to the Civic Centre to see local favorites James "Bubba" Busceme and "Irish" Johnny Copeland defeat mediocre opposition.

Busceme, 127, of neighboring Beaumont, stopped Jose Luis Ramirez, 124½, of Corus Christi in 2:30 of the 6th round. Ramirez had a heart as big as all outdoors, but simply was not quick enough to handle Bubba, who won all 5 rounds and had Jose down twice in the sixth stanza before ending it all.

Copeland, 135, hails from Joplin, Missouri — but fights out of the Doug Lord-Curtis Cokes stable from Dallas. He completely outclassed and eventually stopped young Dennis Haggerty of Dallas in 2:33 of the fifth round. Haggerty was regarded before the fight as a promising young scrapper, but the reasons that the youngster was thrown in with the much more experienced Copeland can't be seen from this corner. The 137 pound Dallas fighter was not ever really in the fight, though he did land an occasional right hand, and after being down twice in the fourth, was deposited on the canvas for keeps by the "Joplin Jolter" at 2:33 of the fifth stanza.

Copeland doesn't have the best record in the lightweight division, but he is in possession of a murderous right hand, and thus can't really ever be discounted against any foe.

In the eight round semi final event, Sugar Ray Phillips, of Mineral Wells, Texas pounded out a lopsided decision over Willie Hicks in a junior middleweight clash. The goateed Hicks hails from Jacinto City, Texas. Phillips chased his lanky foe all around the ring from the opening bell, and usually ended each round by catching Hicks on the ropes and pounding Hicks' body viciously. Phillips is regarded as one of the truly fine prospects in this part of the country.

Harvey Arnold decisioned the much-traveled Eddie Mitchell in a junior welterweight tussle. Mitchell, from Port Arthur, never quit trying, but Arnold raised his record to 8-0 on the strength of his much quicker fists. Harvey is another fine prospect, but may be prone to cuts around the eyes. Both eyes were damaged in his last fight, and his left eye was swollen in this slugfest.

In a four round prelim, John David of Lake Charles stopped Martin Jimenez of Houston at 1:30 of the third. A left deposited Jiminez on the seat of his pants where he was counted out in this welterweight encounter. It was David's pro debut, while Jimenez dropped to 1-4 in the punch for pay ranks.

▲Tom Pinner, the scrappy Newton, Texas junior welterweight has split in two recent bouts at Mobile. He stopped New Orleans' Jerry Bradley in two, and lost a decision to Mike Ramirez in a ten round main event.

ADOLPH VIRUET GAINS N.A. TITLE AT VEGAS

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Las Vegas, Nev. — Setting its sights on becoming the boxing capitol of America, Vegas has resumed the nationally televised Friday night fights. . .at a new location — the Dunes Hotel and Country Club.

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Brooks led in only one round—the sixth—when he unleashed a straight right which momentarily shook the left-handed Viruet.

Viruet staged a magnificent comeback, moving constantly inside to alleviate the acknowledged effectiveness of Brooks.

Judge John Mangaracina scored Viruet the winner, 57-51; Art Lurie favored him 57-54; and judge Lou Tabat had the new champion ahead 58-52.

Three six-round preliminaries followed the main event.

Rojelio Castenada, 138, Los Angeles, won by unanimous decision over Pete Vital, 140, Los Angeles.

Larry Shelton, 155, Las Vegas, scored a technical knockout at 2:07 of the second round over Jose Rodriguez, 158, Los Angeles.

In the concluding bout Art Roddy, 149, Los Angeles, won by majority decision over Chico Jeronimo, 148, Los Angeles.

▲In Bill Miller's "Strip Fight of the Week," at the Silver Slipper, the recent main event saw Pete Ranzany score a knockout over Quincy Daniels at 2:03 of the seventh round.

The triumph was the 15th against a single loss for the 147 pound Ranzany, who fights out of Sacramento, Calif. It was also the fighter's 11th knockout in a brief, but spectacular career that has vaulted him to the No. 9 ranked junior middleweight according to Ring ratings.

Daniels, famous for his rugged body attack, never was able to use his favorite offensive and continually found himself whipped by Ranzany's right hand.

Ranzany displayed a fast right throughout the fight, but ended the bout with a swift left to the head, after several combinations had weakened Daniels.

A hard left stunned Daniels, 147, Los Angeles, midway through the 7th, and Ranzany wasted little time moving in to belt his hapless opponent with the left-rights before landing the final punch.

Daniels, who has now suffered two successive knockout losses on a Vegas card, had to be helped from the ring after taking the 10-count and lying on the canvas for several minutes.

In the first of two preliminary boutsl Las Vegas' Leroy Haley, 138, came off a short layoff to gain a unanimous 8-round decision over Eddie Murray, 137, of Los Angeles.

In the second prelim, relative unknown Daniel Brewer, 176, Los Angeles, took a unanimous decision over David Martinez, 196, of Phoenix.

Martinez' weight advantage was quickly offset by the speed and the expertly-placed right jabs employed by the clever Brewer.

DUANE BOBICK STOPS DUNCAN IN SEVEN

By ED SCULLEN

L Largo, Md. — Amidst a rising chorus of boos from 4,132 Capital Centre fans Duane Bobick, 213¾, Philadelphia, stopped Pat Duncan, 203, Portland, Ore. at the end of seven rounds.

The fan reaction was in response to a dull bout. Duncan had been absorbing a heavy pummelling from the Olympian, when manager Mike Norton told the referee his man was finished for the night.

Fortunately, a co-feature 10-round welterweight contest pitting Washington's Johnny Gant against New Yorker Hal Wston was much more lively, although it ended in a draw.

"I stopped the fight because Pat was outgunned all the way," explained manager Morton in the dressing room. "He's really a better fighter than he showed tonight."

Despite Morton's claims, the fans didn't buy it. The crowd was more receptive to the 25-year-old Bobick's style, but there were plenty of detractors who found his mechanical, plodding style too boring for words.

The bout got under way with Bobick cautiously exploring with his left, opponent Duncan seemed content with a couple of lunging rights. As the rounds wore on, Bobick gained confidence with his left, occasionally changing up with a right hand lead. Duncan showed very little.

At best the Oregon fighter would land a single punch and either tie up Bobick or move away. The 6' 4" Bobick, no speedster, had no trouble catching and hitting Duncan.

The steady diet of lefts absorbed by Duncan turned his face red by round four. Sensing an easy night, Bobick stepped up the pace by going to the body.

Duncan began to clutch and breathe like a steam engine. In the final round Bobick scored well with both hands against an almost stationary Duncan. A cut was opened on the left side of Duncan's nose, but this did not cause the stoppage, the man was already beaten.

Adding to the crowd's discontentment was a weak supporting card of three bouts, only one of which went the distance. The saddest note of all was that just one week prior to the show, promoter Eli Hanover died from cancer. As part of the evening's events Capital Centre owner Abe Pollin stepped up to center ring to say a few words on behalf of Hanover. A symbolic ten-count was given for Hanover.

In the Gant-Weston fight the crowd was delighted by a fine example of a classic boxer against a swarming puncher. Weston got off fast by rushing the Washington, D.C. "Dancing Master" and punching strongly to the fighter's body and head. In the middle rounds Gant dominated behind his stinging jab. But in round six Weston charged in and landed a booming right, which threatened to turn things in his favor.

In the last four rounds, however, Gant boxed consistently if unspectacularly to hold off the rushing Weston. The pace was fast and exciting and both fighters were given a standing ovation at the end. The fight was obviously close, but the Gant corner and most of the newsmen present had Gant the winner by a close margin. Then came the surprise: referee Tom Kelley 46-46; judge Joe Bunsa 47-47; and the lone dissenter judge Harry Cecchini 48-45 for Gant.

Opening up the night, Mike Montgomery, 203½, Philadelphia decisioned Fred Jones, 217½, Arilon, Ohio in six sloppy rounds.

In the next bout Smokey Joe Middleton, 184, Washington, had no trouble disposing of Sylvester Wilder, 180, Cleveland, at 1:17 of round two. A series of lefts followed by a chopping right high on the head did the trick.

The windup before the two ten-rounders was even more discouraging. Ronnie Gibbons, 142½, TKO'ed Cleveland's Joe Hracha, 143½, at :35 of round one.

A stiff left jab and a following combination sent Hracha home early. Many patrons were doubly disappointed as Gibbons, a native of Liverpool, England, had showed well in his last appearance here.

TASCI CAN'T MAKE TEN VS. SPONAGLE IN HALIFAX

By FRED BISHOP

Halifax, N.S. — Barry Sponagle, 137, Stellarton, N.S.fimproved on his previous win last month when he stopped Amhet Tasci, 134, White Plains, N.Y. in eight rounds.

Tasci was a punching bag throughout the fight and suffered cuts above both eyes. He had no defense against the sharp hitting local.

The fight was scheduled for ten rounds with about 1,500 setting on the Al Brown-Gussie MacLellan promoted show.

In a ten round semi-final, Joey Bordon, 175, New Glasgow, defended his Maritime crown as he outpointed veteran Archie Lee, 175, Halifax, in the best fight of the card.

In six rounds, Peter Linthorne, 151, New Glasgow, outpointed Fred Legiace, 149, Quebec City, in a very even fight.

In four rounds, Bobby Brake, 156, Fall River, came from away back to knock out Reg MacLean, 157, New Glasgow, with 12 seconds left. A wild left hook did the job.

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